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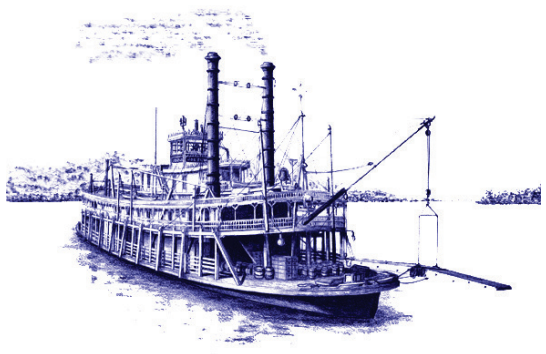

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City hopes to continue focus on Destination Madison in READI 2.0

BY BOB DEMAREE

With another round of Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) funding to be made available to regions for economic development, the City of Madison is already prepared with its projects and Madison Mayor Bob Courtney talked about the city's plans at Tuesday's meeting of the Redevelopment Commission.

Courtney said the city wants to "continue executing the Destination Madison plan" as Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority works to create its investment strategy to get its portion of the $500 million that the Indiana Economic Development Corporation will distribute among the state's 17 regions.

Courtney said the city approached the first round of READI much differently than the other entities. "We were the only city that I know of that did a plan. Everybody else did projects" but by doing a plan that "allowed us to get six projects."

Three of the Destination Madison projects are nearly completed.

The Mulberry Street Mural Plaza held a dedication ceremony last month, and Tony Steinhardt, the city's economic development director, said it is 98% complete with "a couple of small punch list projects."

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Bob Demaree

Olivia Jaynes (right) shows her rabbit while judge Patti Byerley critiques the animal during the Jefferson County 4-H Fair Rabbit Show.

Above: Sidney Huff laughs as her goat takes a hop during the Jefferson County 4-H Fair Goat Show earlier this week. The fair ends Friday with the livestock auction at 1 p.m. with the last night of the carnival and midway rides from 6-11 p.m. before the 4-H awards ceremonies are held on Saturday. **Right:** Shawe Memorial High School band director Bill Gordon plays the National Anthem on his trumpet at the start of the Jefferson County 4-H Fair Goat Show earlier this week while Britt Copeland (left), Purdue extension educator for 4-H youth development agriculture and natural resources, and intern Cassie Rudolph salute the flag.

Photos by Bob Demaree

4-H FAIR SCHEDULE

Jefferson County 4-H Fair Schedule

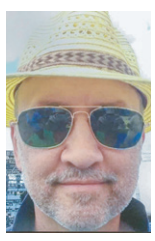
FRIDAY, JULY 14

1 p.m. — 4-H Livestock Auction
4-9 p.m. — 4-H & Open Class Exhibit Hall Open
5 p.m. — Auction Dinner
6:30 p.m. — Round Robin Showmanship
7 p.m. — Demo Derby — Grandstands
7 p.m. — Country Kickers — Pavilion
11-midnight — Livestock Released
11-midnight — Horse & Pony Released
11-midnight — Rabbit & Poultry Released

SATURDAY, JULY 15

10 a.m. — noon — Open Class Project Release
Noon — 4 p.m. — 4-H Projects Released
2 p.m. — Annual Fair Board Meeting
4 p.m. — 4-H Awards Program
5-7 p.m. — 4-H Projects Released

1st Street Saloon now smoke free



CHARLIE **ROHLFING**
CHARLIE'S BEAT

Paulette Boncutter was living in Indianapolis in the mid 90s, going on weekend trips around Indiana with her then husband, and seeing what there was to see. One look at Madison was all it took for her.

"I moved down here around 1995, when you could still buy a downtown fixer-upper for a reasonable price," relates Paulette. "I fixed up and sold about a dozen of them over the years. I lived above my store, Main Cross Antiques at Main and Mill, for a time. But not surprisingly, more and more people have discovered the quality of life here in Madison, and those bargain houses are harder to find.

"So I got to thinking about other ventures I could invest in. Plus, I was looking for something I could do with my daughter, Angela. Maybe something less stressful for her than the California real estate market she's been working in. We thought, heck, a little bar will be low stress. Ha!"

Daughter Angela Howatt picks up the story at this point. "It's not stress free, but so far nit's been a great adventure. Anytime you have employees you're going to have challenges. Plus so many other things we never anticipated. But we are having so much fun. It's barely been half a year and we've come so far."

Anyone who remembers the old smoky 1st Street Country Saloon would barely recognize the place today. "We've made so many improvements and positive changes," explains

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Charlie Rohlfing

1st Street Country Saloon owners Paulette Boncutter (right) and daughter Angela Howatt are pictured.

GOP caucus to decide Frye successor Monday

Crozier, 2 others have announced so far

BY BOB DEMAREE

It's been nearly 20 years since a Jefferson County resident has served in the Indiana House of Representatives, but Pam Crozier will attempt to make that happen once again on Monday when the Republican caucus meets to replace Randy Frye, who resigned as the District 67 Representative recently.

Crozier, chairman of the Jefferson County Republican Party and a member of the County Council, is among three candidates who have announced for the seat so far. A caucus of 54 precinct committee members will vote on a successor Monday in Versailles. The other two candidates are Deanna Burkart of Decatur County and Alex Zimmerman of Jennings County. The filing deadline is 6 p.m. on Friday, July 14.

"I've decided to throw my hat in the ring for this seat because I am prepared right now to be the best representative of the people in this critical role," said Crozier. "I have a strong track record of getting things done both in my business career as well as in local public service. I believe in fiscal responsibility, personal

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Madison man killed as moped crashes with SUV

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A Madison man died when his moped collided with a sport utility vehicle in Hanover while pulling out of the Circle K at 139 West Lagrange Road on Tuesday.

Elgin William "Butch" Fidell, 59, Madison, was pulling out of the gas/convenince store lot east onto Lagrange Road when, due to a back-up traffic, his view was blocked and he did not see an oncoming SUV as he pulled out. The moped collided with the SUV on the front driver's side of the vehicle and Fidell was fatally wounded by the impact.

"It was a sad situation," said Hanover Police Department Sgt. Kyle Pence.

In addition to Hanover Police, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Jefferson County Coroner's Office and Norton King's Daughters' Health EMS were on scene.

Funeral arrangements for Fidell are with Morgan-Nay Funeral Center in Madison with services at 1 p.m. on Monday.

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NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL

LODGINGS

July 10

Kathryn Michelle Batchelor, 40, Aurora, Indiana, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear and warrants for Dearborn and Switzerland Counties (escape, narcotics and false informing charges). Bond $5,000 cash.

Shane A. Bottoms, 38, Columbia, Kentucky, on a Level 6 felony warrant (failure to appear on conversion charge) to hold for Bartholomew County, Indiana. Bond $5,000.

Devon-Rae Chandler, 32, Madison, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear. Bond $1,000 cash.

Justin Michael Marsh, 28, Madison, to serve 18 days on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.

Michael Ray Stakelin, 55, Madison, for Domestic Battery-Deadly Weapon, a Level 5 felony; and Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

July 11

Michael Rayden Jennings, 23, Scipio, Indiana, to serve court-ordered time on probation violation. No bond.

Laura Renee Weber, 36, Commiskey, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant. Bond $5,000 cash.

Michael Dean Woods, 56, Madison, on a Jefferson County bench warrant (felony dealing in methamphetamine). No bond.

July 12

Natron Scott Mahoney, 25, Hanover, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear (felony maintaining a common nuisance). Released on own recognizance.

John Wayne McClellan, 43, Madison, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant (felony possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of paraphernalia). Bond $5,000 cash.

Joseph Benjamen Childs Morris, 26, Madison, Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond $500 cash.

Billy Joe Walters, 38, Hanover, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. Bond $5,000 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS

July 10

Christoper Wayne Walters, 33, Lexington, Indiana, for Driving While Suspended-Prior Conviction, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 4 days served and 174 days suspended for non-reporting probation plus $189.50 in fees and court costs.

Charla J. Porter, 56, Madison, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 jail, all suspended for supervised probation plus $289 in fees and court costs.

Martin Perez-Alvarado, 27, Hanover, to amended charge of Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Ever Obtaining a License-Prior, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 jail, all suspended for non-reporting probation plus $189.50 in fees and court costs.

Michael Steven Lehman III, 21, Hanover, for Leaving the Scene of an Accident, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended for 180 days supervised probation consecutive to 363 days previously suspended for operating while intoxicated plus $289.50 in fees and court costs with no revocation of license.

Branden L. Gray, 34, Milton, Kentucky, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 2 days served and 178 days suspended for supervised probation plus $289 in fees and court costs.

Howard Kenneth Dennis Jr., 27, Indianapolis, to an amended charge of Driving While Suspended-Prior Conviction Within 10 Years, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended for supervised probation plus $289.50 in fees and court costs.

July 11

Michael D. Crawley, 61, Madison, modification of sentence on 2019 convictions for Dealing in Methamphetamine-2 counts, both Level 4 felonies, with credit for 1,773 days served at Indiana Department of Correction with 2,438 days suspended to direct commitment with community corrections with stipulation of electronic monitoring.

Michael Wayne Eden, 38, Hanover, to an amended charge of Disorderly Conduct-Fighting, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 10 days jail, all served, plus $239 in fees and court costs.

Matthew P. Smitson, 39, Hanover, to an amended charge of Domestic battery, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 545 days jail with credit for 256 days served, 54 actual days left to serve and 180 days suspended for probation plus $539 in fees and court costs and no contact order to remain in effect.

July 12

Dusty R. Blevins, 37, Kent, Indiana, to an amended charge of Sexual Misconduct with a Minor, a Level 4 felony. Sentenced to 8 years at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 244 days served, plus $285 in fees and court costs.

John W. Payton, 40, Corinth, Kentucky, to an amended charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Class D felony. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 36 days served and 144 days suspended for non-reporting probation plus $489 in fees and court costs.

Daniel Ray Johnson, 29, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended for supervised probation consecutive to 730 days for probation violation (prior conviction for possession of narcotic drug and habitual felony offender) plus $639 in fees and court costs.

David Kyle Turner, 42, Madison, to an amended charge of Unlawful Carrying of a Handgun, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 4 years at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 204 days served plus $289 in fees and court costs.

Caden J. Hankins, 20, Madison, to an amended charge of Strangulation, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 252 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, time served, plus $239 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

July 7

MHM Real Estate LLC to Jennifer L. Simmonds, 1822 Taylor Street, Madison.

Marvin H. Yoder and Bertha M. Yoder to Tandy Development Inc., 386 East 400 North, Madison.

Deanna Sweet-Boudreau, Roger L. Sweet (deceased) and Jacqueline K. Sweet (deceased) to Deanna Sweet-Boudreau, approximately 20 acres at 1748 North 1100 West, Deputy.

Victor H. Thevenow Jr. and Melinda Sue Cloud-Thevenow (trustees/revocable trust) to Tommy Allen Pruitt Sr., 8.250 acres at 7837 West Polk Road, Lexington.

Madison Consolidated School Corporation, Madison Consolidated Schools and School City of Madison, Indiana to City of Madison Board of Park Commissioners and Board of Park Commissioners City of Madison, a parcel at 300+ Vaughn Drive located at the southwest corner of Poplar Street and Vaughn Drive (southwestern portion of Kiwanis Park).

Frazier Properties LLC to Scott H. Murphy and Tracy A. Murphy (living trust) 215 and 217 East Second Street, Madison.

Renfro Properties LLC to Parker Places LLC, 118 Ferry Street, Madison.

Child predator gets 8 years at IDOC

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A Kent, Indiana, man has been sentenced to 8 years at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, after pleading guilty to Sexual Misconduct with a Minor, a Level 4 felony, in connection with a January 2023 arrest by Madison Police Department.

Dusty R. Blevins

Dusty R. Blevins, 37, Kent, was arrested based on an investigation led by MPD Det. Shawn Scudder related to MPD's Operation Predator Net and ongoing investigations using social media to identify alleged child predators.

Blevins had been charged on Jan. 3, with Attempted Sexual Misconduct with a Minor and Child Solicitation, both Level 4 felonies, and Dissemination of Material Harmful to a Minor, a Level 6 felony. He was lodged in the Jefferson County Jail on a $50,000 full cash bond.

Police said Blevins engaged in a conversation that he believed was with a 14-year old female, sharing sexually explicit photographs and establishing a plan to meet for sex. When Blevins arrived at the agreed upon meeting location, police were waiting and he was taken into custody by Scudder, Capt. Rick Mundt and Patrolman Jordan Perry.

Blevins pleaded guilty on July 5 to Sexual Misconduct with a Minor under an agreement that dismissed the Child Solicitation and Dissemination of Material Harmful to a Minor charges. The 8-year prison sentence was handed down by Jefferson Circuit Judge D.J. Mote, who granted Blevins credit for 244 days jail served since his arrest.

GOP

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freedom and I strongly support our protectors in law enforcement. I've seen how smaller communities like ours can often be overlooked in Indianapolis, so I want to take my energy, passion, and drive for service up there to be the voice of the people of District 67. My decision-making is deeply rooted in my conservative values as well as my personal faith, and I'm grateful to have the loving support of my family."

If Crozier is selected, she would be the first state representative from Jefferson County since Markt Lance Lytle, a Democrat, who served from 1992-2004.

Crozier has served on County Council since 2017, serving two years as the Council president. She is in her third year as party chair of the Jefferson County Republican Party. A 1984 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School, Crozier attended Ball State University and Indiana University Southeast and has worked more than two decades in the banking industry, currently at First Financial Bank. She has served on the executive board of the Southeastern Indiana Recycling District, as treasurer of Jefferson County CASA and is a member of the Madison Kiwanis Club.

"I love connecting people together and working towards a goal with positive outcomes that improves and impacts the community," said Crozier.

Burkart, who is vice chair of the Decatur County Republican Party, has served on County Council since 2019. She was born in Ripley County and graduated in 1987 from South Ripley High School and Indiana University in 1991. She is a Realtor based in Greensburg.

Zimmerman grew up in Muncie and is a 2015 graduate of Franklin College and a 2020 graduate of the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. He is an attorney with an office in North Vernon. Before opening his law practice, Zimmerman worked full-time for the Indiana Senate Majority Caucus from December 2014 to November 2020.

District 67 includes portions of Jefferson, Jennings, Ripley and Decatur counties with a total of 54 precinct committee members eligible to vote — 20 from Jennings, 19 from Jefferson, 12 from Ripley and 3 from Decatur.

Frye, who had served for 13 years in the state legislature, announced in late June that he would retire effective July 8. In his retirement announcement, Frye said, "Over the last few years, I've been dealing with multiple health issues, and it's time to focus on my wellbeing and my family. It has been the honor of my lifetime to represent the hard-working Hoosiers of House District 67. Whether it was working to make Indiana's tax climate better for everyday people and businesses, supporting our men and women in uniform, or standing up for the sanctity of life, I believe we've made tremendous progress during my time in the legislature and Indiana's future is only getting brighter."

The top vote receiver Monday in Versailles will serve the remainder of Frye's 2023-2024 term.

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He said the U.S. 421 Gateway Park project is 85% complete with landscaping and irrigation scheduled for installation this week. There have been art submissions that are a part of that project with the top three to visit Madison in early August before returning with designs later in the fall.

Steinhardt said the parking lot behind the Main Street Comfort Station is 95% complete. "If you walk down there, you'll see 15 new spaces with other amenities for pets, bicycles and benches that have been added to the property."

Three other Destination Madison projects are yet to start but Steinhardt expects them all to move forward soon.

Steinhardt said work on the facade and marquee at the historic Ohio Theatre has been delayed by unforeseen issues. "They have been working with design architects to fix structural deficiencies that were found as part of the design process on the marque, and as soon as those are wrapped up, they will go out to bid for that."

The city's Destination Madison funds are also being used to contribute towards expansion of the local Heritage Trail to the south entrance of Clifty Falls State Park. He said designs are underway for that project, and he expects decisions on that in the next month.

The remainder of the city's Destination Funds will go toward developing the city-owned parking lot across from Lamplighter Park to provide better parking access to Bicentennial Park. The project also provides for making improvements to land transferred to the city through an agreement with Historic Madison Inc., east of Poplar Street across from HMI's Shrewsbury-Windle House.

Courtney said future Destination Madison projects will include a permanent amphitheater in Bicentennial Park, a docking area for the American Queen voyages as well as hopes to contribute to the final phase of the Super Overlook project on the Ohio River. He also said the city is continuing work towards a strategy of "quality of life" while emphasizing housing.

"We have some great plans," said Courtney, noting the city is "leveraging our dollars to make a more impactful investment."

In other action, the Redevelopment Commission provided final approval of resolutions to create a new Riverfront Allocation Tax Increment Financing (TIF) area while also approving the decrement process to maximize the city's investment in the TIF district.

"TIF is the primary revenue source for our city's economic development strategies," said Courtney. "The use of TIF does not create any additional tax burden on our residents but it does have some very technical elements to it that have to be managed. These two resolutions regarding the decrement process and the new Riverfront Allocation area are prudent steps in maximizing

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Precipitation, 2023: 30.86
Barometer: 29.70, Rising
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Forecast: Saturday: Scattered thunderstorms High 81/Low 66; Sunday: Partly cloudy High 85/Low 65; Monday: Scattered thunderstorms High 81/Low 63; Tuesday: Scattered thunderstorms High 82/Low 65.

LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 7-17-32-33-37-46 (7/12). Next Estimated Jackpot: $23.4 million. Next Drawing (7/15).
Cash Five: 3-5-8-9-37 (7/12)
Cash 4 Life: 9-16-36-40-59 CB: 1 (7/12)

KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 1-10-13-28 CB: 11 (7/12)
Kentucky 5 Extra: 6-7-14-27-34 (7/12)
Lucky For Life: 15-16-18-20-45 LB: 17 (7/12)
MEGAMILLIONS: 10-17-33-51-64 MB: 5, MP x2 (7/11). Next Jackpot: $560 million. Next Drawing (7/14)
POWERBALL: 23-35-45-66-67 PB: 20, PP: 3 (7/12). Next Estimated Jackpot: $875 million. Next Drawing (7/15)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 42-49-54-62-63 PB: 21 (7/12). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to $10 million. Next Drawing (7/15)

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

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• Julie Townsend

JULY 16
• Christian Cull
• Brandon Kennedy

JULY 18
• Denny Jackson

JULY 19
• Brad Ferguson

JULY 23
• Stephanie Hellmann

TOTS & TYKES

Photos by Bob Demaree

The grand champion of the birth to four months boys category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Leighton Sparkman, 3 months, Commiskey, son of Matthew and Shelby Sparkman.

The reserve grand champion of the 3 years, one day, to 4 years, one day girls category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Zaila Lemm, 3, Madison, daughter of Brandon and Shelby Lemm.

The grand champion of the 14 months, one day, to 24 months boys category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Grayson Jones, 14 months, Dupont, son of Corey Jones and Sara Ford.

The grand champion of the 24 months, one day, to 3 year boys category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Noah Roark, 2, Dupont, son of Houston and Katelynn Roark.

The grand champion of the 24 months, one day, to 3 year girls category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Haylen Hardymon, 2, Deputy, daughter of Ryan and Lindsay Hardymon.

The reserve grand champion of the birth to four months boys category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Phoenix Soper, 4 months, Madison, son of Bryce and Thea Soper.

The reserve grand champion of the birth to four months girls category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Blakeleigh Mulder, 2 months, Madison, daughter of Rex and Morgan Mulder.

The grand champion of the 3 years, one day, to 4 years, one day boys category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Kenton Forrester, 3, Madison, son of Andrew and Kendra Forrester.

The reserve grand champion of the 14 months, one day, to 24 months girls category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Layla Mae Hysell, 15 months, Hanover, daughter of Jessie and Meghan Hysell.

The reserve grand champion of the 24 months, one day, to 3 year girls category category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Alora Johnson, 2, Madison, daughter of Ruby Roberson.

The grand champion of the birth to four months girls category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Remedy Rain Stewart, 2 months, Madison, daughter of Paige Stewart and Michael Freeman.

The grand champion of the 3 years, one day, to 4 years, one day girls category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Audrey Deaton, 3, Madison, daughter of Colin and Chelsea Deaton.

The reserve grand champion of the 14 months, one day, to 24 months boys category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Elias Shepherd Boldrey, 16 months, Madison, son of Lee and Allison Boldrey.

The grand champion of the 14 months, one day, to 24 months girls category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Ellie Reffett, 14 months, Deputy, daughter of Todd and Sabra Reffett.

The reserve grand champion of the 24 months, one day, to 3 year boys category category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Liam Brameier, 2, Hanover, son of Trent and Kyla Brameier.

The reserve grand champion of the 3 years, one day, to 4 years, one day boys category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Paytyn Gerth, 3, Madison, son of Mark and Emyly Gerth.

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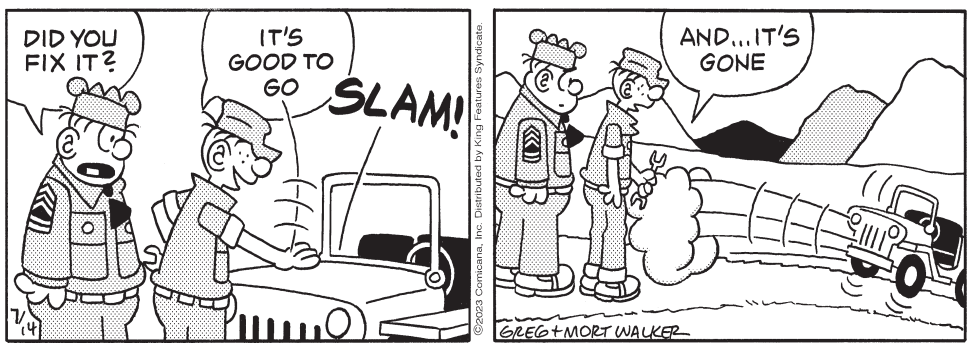

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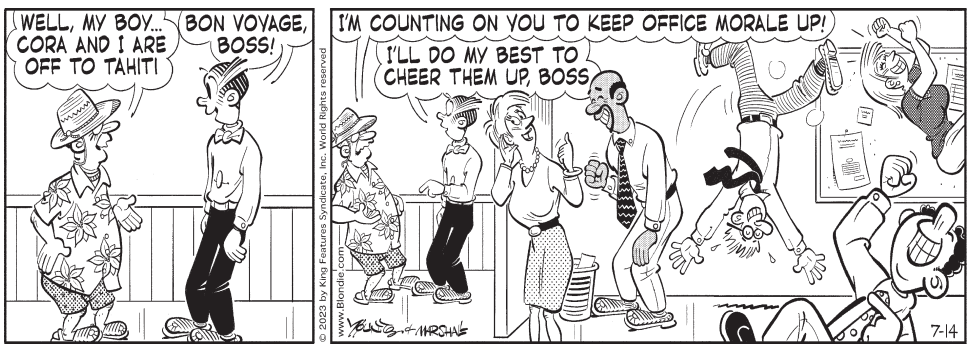
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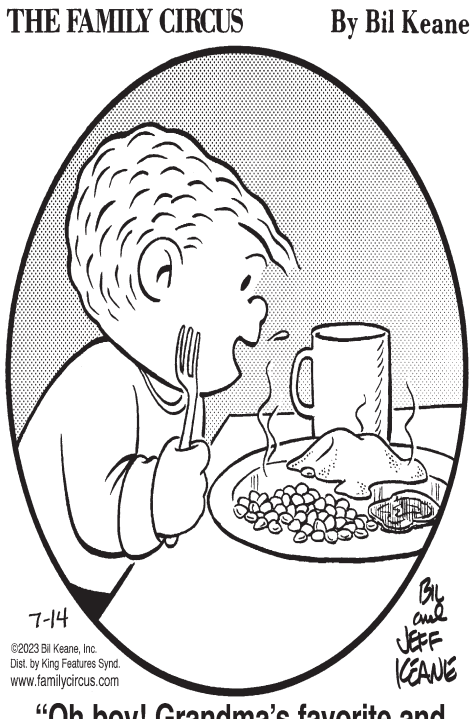

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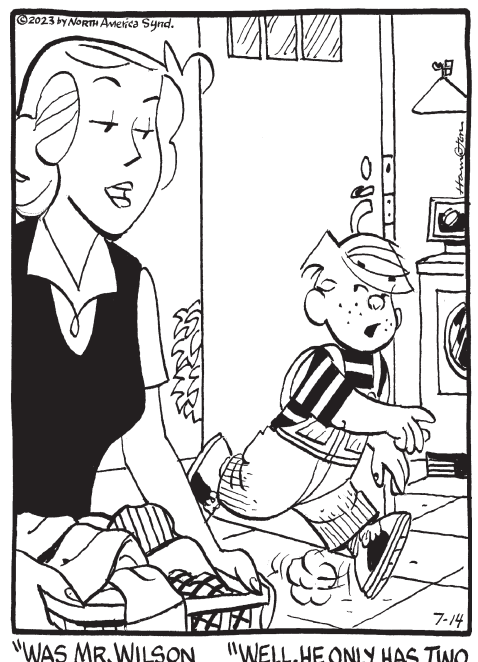

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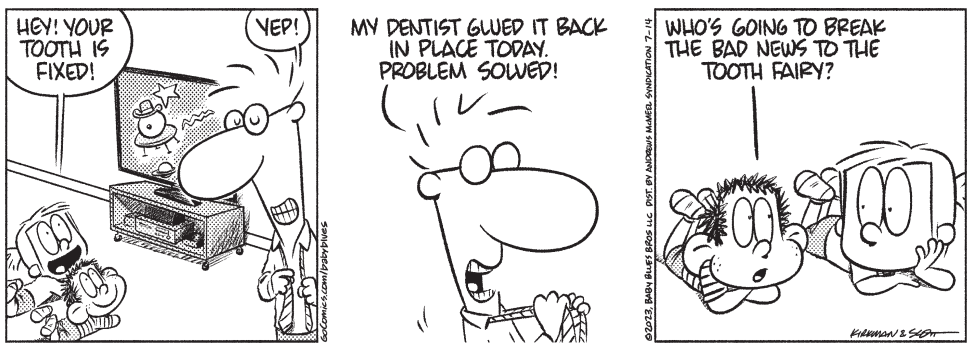
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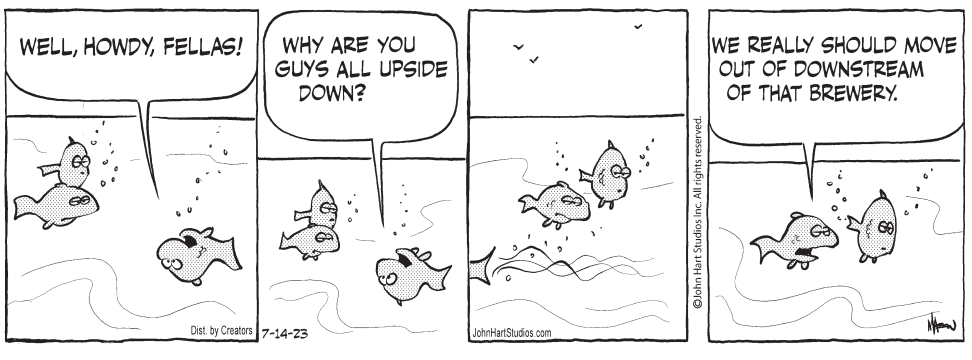
WELL, HOWDY, FELLAS!
WHY ARE YOU GUYS ALL UPSIDE DOWN?
WE REALLY SHOULD MOVE OUT OF DOWNSTREAM OF THAT BREWERY.
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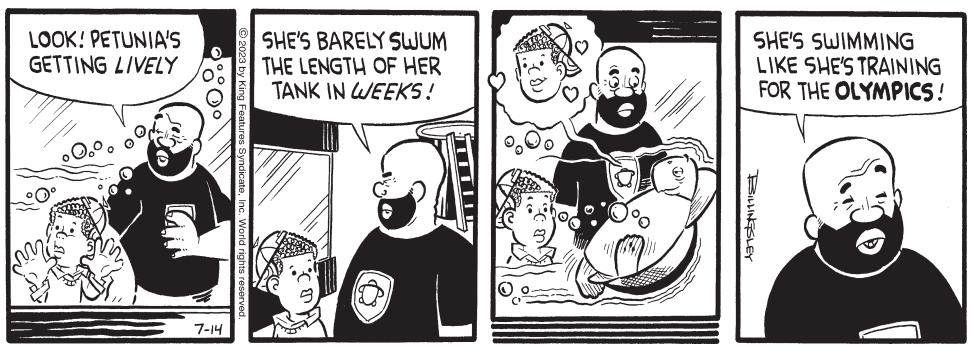
LOOK! PETUNIA'S GETTING LIVELY
SHE'S BARELY SWUM THE LENGTH OF HER TANK IN WEEKS!
SHE'S SWIMMING LIKE SHE'S TRAINING FOR THE OLYMPICS!
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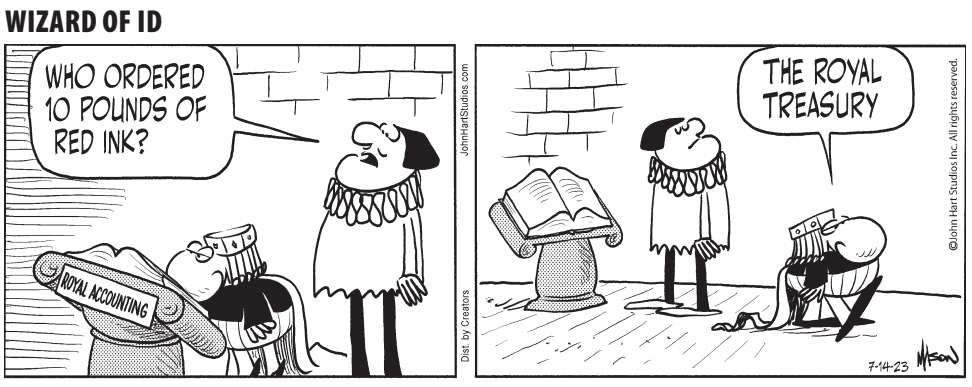

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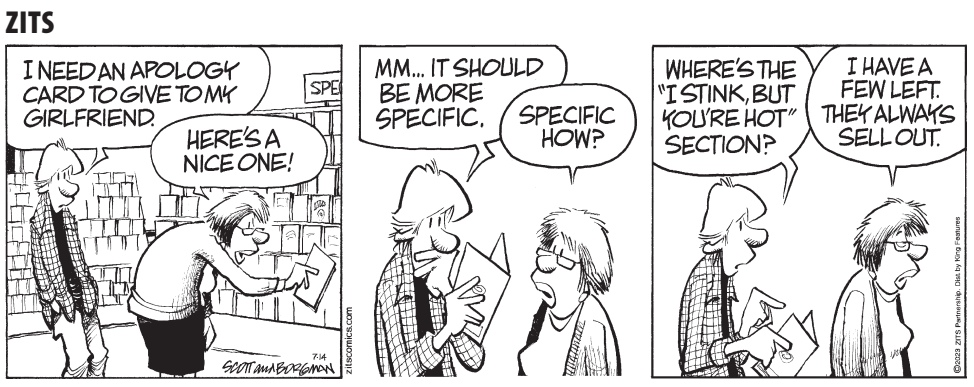
I NEED AN APOLOGY CARD TO GIVE TO MY GIRLFRIEND.
HERE'S A NICE ONE!
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MM... IT SHOULD BE MORE SPECIFIC.
SPECIFIC HOW?
WHERE'S THE "I STINK, BUT YOU'RE HOT" SECTION?
I HAVE A FEW LEFT. THEY ALWAYS SELL OUT.
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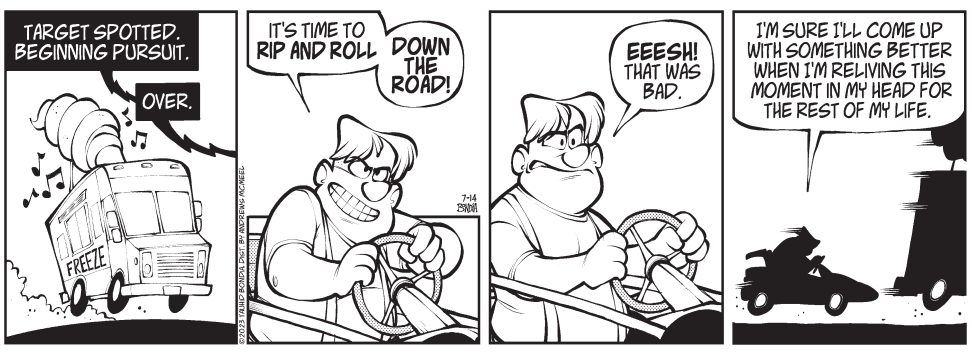
TARGET SPOTTED. BEGINNING PURSUIT.
OVER.
FREEZE
IT'S TIME TO RIP AND ROLL
DOWN THE ROAD!
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EEESH! THAT WAS BAD.
I'M SURE I'LL COME UP WITH SOMETHING BETTER WHEN I'M RELIVING THIS MOMENT IN MY HEAD FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.
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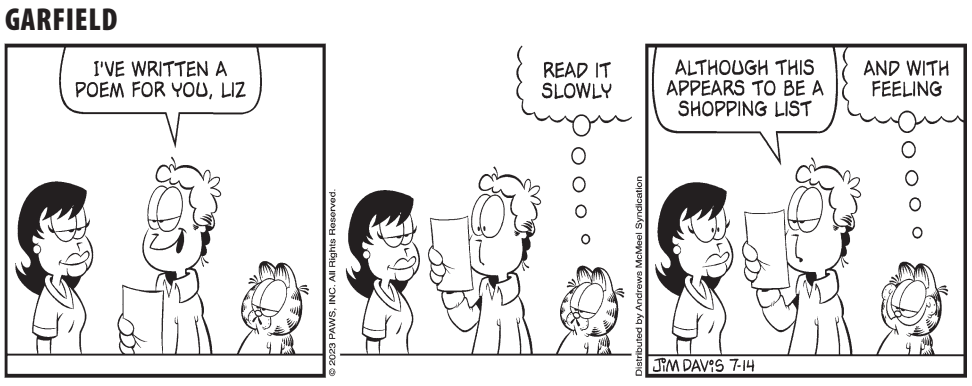
I'VE WRITTEN A POEM FOR YOU, LIZ
READ IT SLOWLY
ALTHOUGH THIS APPEARS TO BE A SHOPPING LIST
AND WITH FEELING
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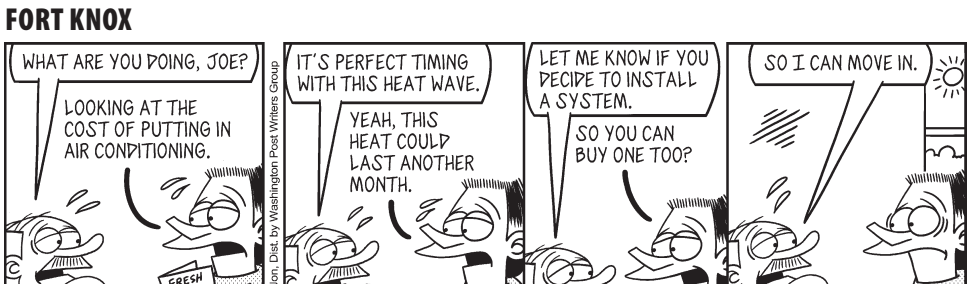
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, JOE?
LOOKING AT THE COST OF PUTTING IN AIR CONDITIONING.
FRESH AIR
IT'S PERFECT TIMING WITH THIS HEAT WAVE.
YEAH, THIS HEAT COULD LAST ANOTHER MONTH.
BROKEN AIR CONDITIONER
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LET ME KNOW IF YOU DECIDE TO INSTALL A SYSTEM.
SO YOU CAN BUY ONE TOO?
SO I CAN MOVE IN.
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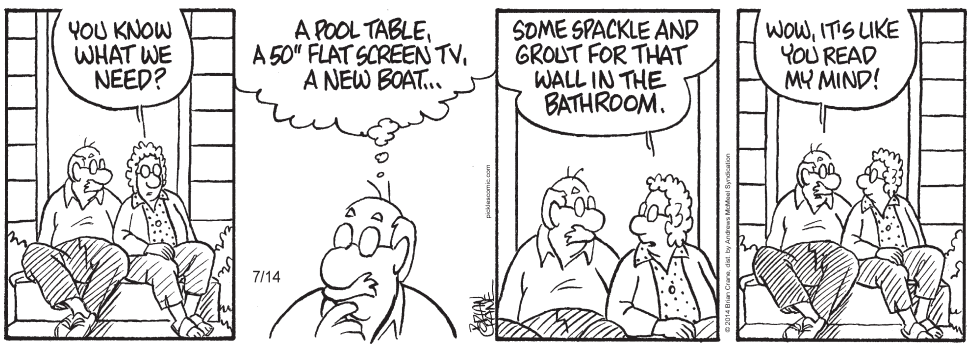
YOU KNOW WHAT WE NEED?
A POOL TABLE, A 50" FLAT SCREEN TV, A NEW BOAT...
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SOME SPACKLE AND GROUT FOR THAT WALL IN THE BATHROOM.
WOW, IT'S LIKE YOU READ MY MIND!
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 14, 2004, the Senate scuttled a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, with 48 senators voting to advance the measure — 12 short of the 60 needed — and 50 voting to block it.

On this date:

In 1789, in an event symbolizing the start of the French Revolution, citizens of Paris stormed the Bastille prison and released the seven prisoners inside.

In 1798, Congress passed the Sedition Act, making it a federal crime to publish false, scandalous or malicious writing about the United States government.

In 1881, outlaw William H. Bonney Jr., alias "Billy the Kid," was shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett in Fort Sumner in present-day New Mexico.

In 1912, American folk singer-songwriter Woody Guthrie was born in Okemah, Oklahoma.

In 1933, all German political parties, except the Nazi Party, were outlawed.

In 1945, Italy formally declared war on Japan, its former Axis partner during World War II.

In 1976, Jimmy Carter won the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in New York.

In 1980, the Republican national convention opened in Detroit, where nominee-apparent Ronald Reagan told a welcoming rally he and his supporters were determined to "make America great again."

In 2009, disgraced financier Bernard Madoff arrived at the Butner Federal Correctional Complex in North Carolina to begin serving a 150-year sentence for his massive Ponzi scheme.

In 2015, world powers and Iran struck a deal to curb Iran's nuclear program in exchange for relief from international sanctions.

In 2016, terror struck Bastille Day celebrations in the French Riviera city of Nice as a large truck plowed into a festive crowd, killing 86 people in an attack claimed by Islamic State extremists; the driver was shot dead by police.

In 2020, researchers reported that the first COVID-19 vaccine tested in the U.S. revved up people's immune systems as scientists had hoped; the vaccine was developed by the National Institutes of Health and Moderna Inc.

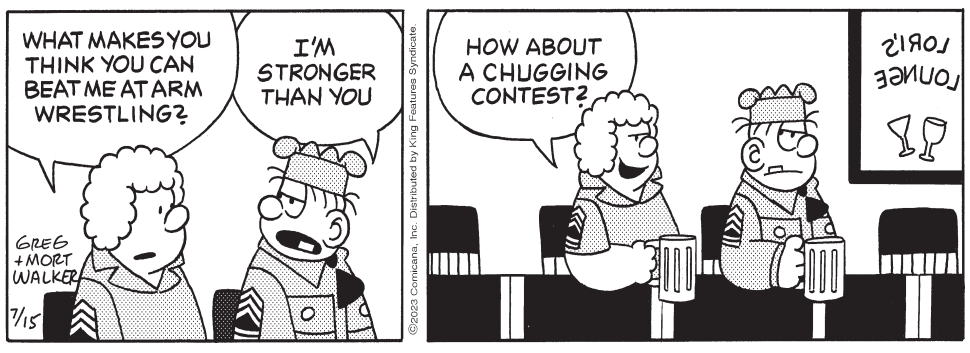
Ten years ago: Thousands of demonstrators across the country protested a Florida jury's decision the day before to clear George Zimmerman in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin. German Chancellor Angela Merkel, in a TV interview, called for tougher European and global rules on data protection amid fallout from recent revelations about U.S. surveillance programs.

Five years ago: Angelique Kerber beat Serena Williams in the women's final for her first Wimbledon title. A firefighter, Braden Varney, was killed while trying to prevent a wildfire near California's Yosemite National Park from spreading. Thousands of people in Scotland staged colorful, peaceful protests against Donald Trump as the U.S. president played golf at his Scottish golf resort at Turnberry ahead of his summit in Finland with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

One year ago: President Joe Biden and Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid stood side-by-side at a joint news conference and declared they would not allow Iran to become a nuclear power. They parted ways on how to get there, however, with Biden saying he still wanted to give diplomacy a chance while Lapid insisted that words alone wouldn't thwart Tehran's nuclear ambitions. Ivana Trump, the first wife of former President Donald Trump and mother of his three eldest children, died in New York City at age 73. The National Galleries of Scotland said a previously unknown self-portrait of Vincent Van Gogh was discovered behind another of the artist's paintings when experts took an X-ray of the canvas ahead of an upcoming exhibition.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Nancy Olson is 95. Former football player and actor Rosey Grier is 91. Actor Vincent Pastore is 77. Music company executive Tommy Mottola is 75. Rock musician Chris Cross (Ultravox) is 71. Actor Jerry Houser is 71. Actor-director Eric Laneuville is 71. Actor Stan Shaw is 71. Movie producer Scott Rudin is 65. Singer-guitarist Kyle Gass is 63. Actor Jane Lynch is 63. Actor Jackie Earle Haley is 62. Actor Matthew Fox is 57. Rock musician Ellen Reid (Crash Test Dummies) is 57. Rock singer-musician Tanya Donelly is 57. Former child actor Missy Gold is 53. Olympic gold medal snowboarder Ross Rebagliati is 52. R&B singer Tameka Cottle (Xscape) is 48. Country singer Jamey Johnson is 48. Hip-hop musician "taboo" (Black Eyed Peas) is 48. Actor Scott Porter is 44. Actor/writer/producer Phoebe Waller-Bridge is 38. Rock singer Dan Smith (Bastille) is 37. Actor Sara Canning (TV: "The Vampire Diaries") is 36. Rock singer Dan Reynolds (Imagine Dragons) is 36.

BEETLE BAILEY


WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT ME AT ARM WRESTLING?
I'M STRONGER THAN YOU
GREG + MORT WALKER
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HOW ABOUT A CHUGGING CONTEST?
LONGE FORIS
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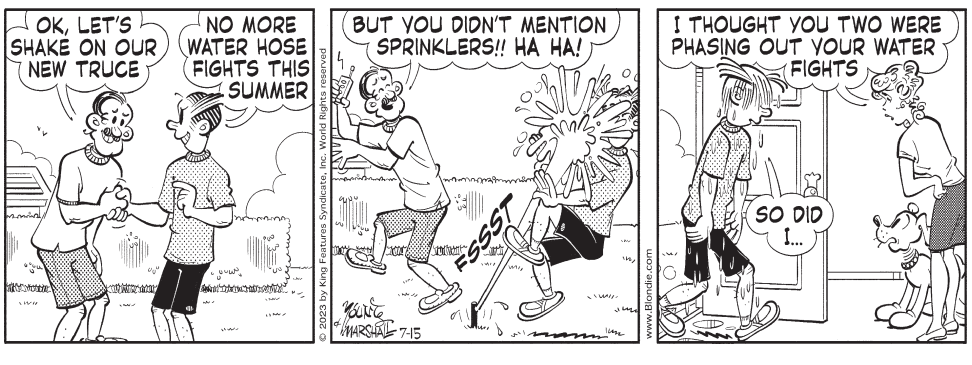
OK, LET'S SHAKE ON OUR NEW TRUCE
NO MORE WATER HOSE FIGHTS THIS SUMMER
BUT YOU DIDN'T MENTION SPRINKLERS!! HA HA!
FSSST
I THOUGHT YOU TWO WERE PHASING OUT YOUR WATER FIGHTS
SO DID I...
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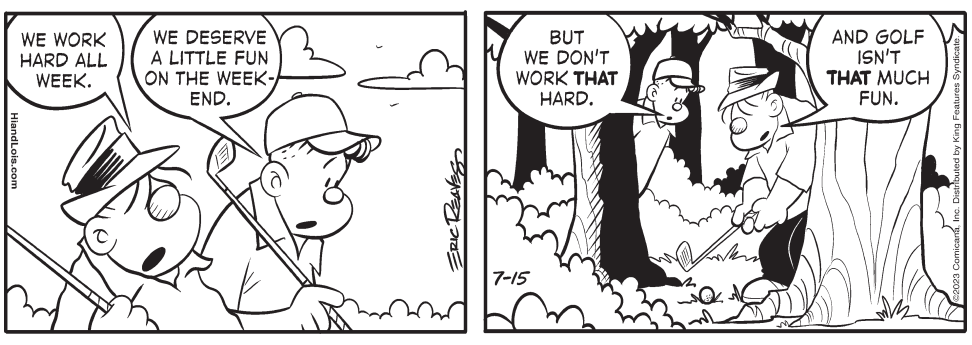
HI & LOIS


WE WORK HARD ALL WEEK.
WE DESERVE A LITTLE FUN ON THE WEEK-END.
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BUT WE DON'T WORK THAT HARD.
AND GOLF ISN'T THAT MUCH FUN.
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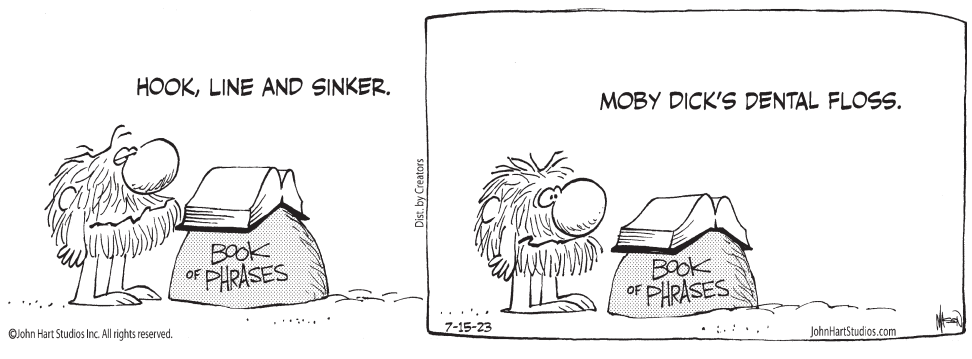

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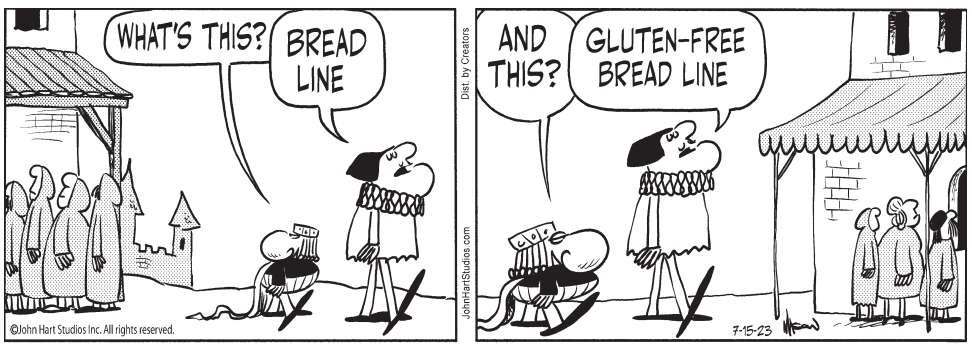

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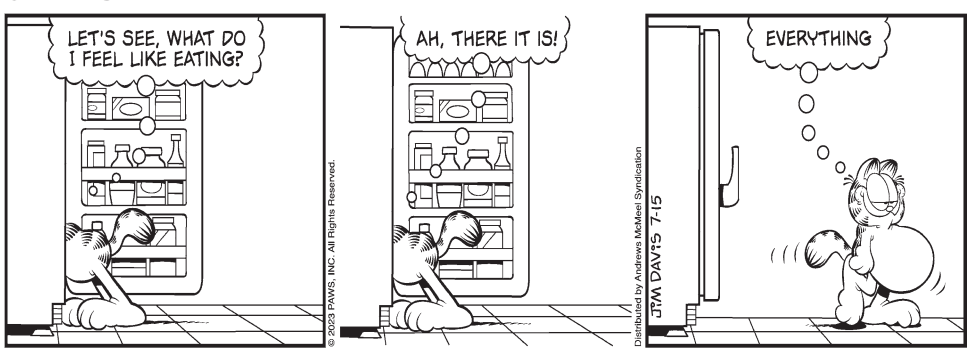
LET'S SEE, WHAT DO I FEEL LIKE EATING?
AH, THERE IT IS!
EVERYTHING
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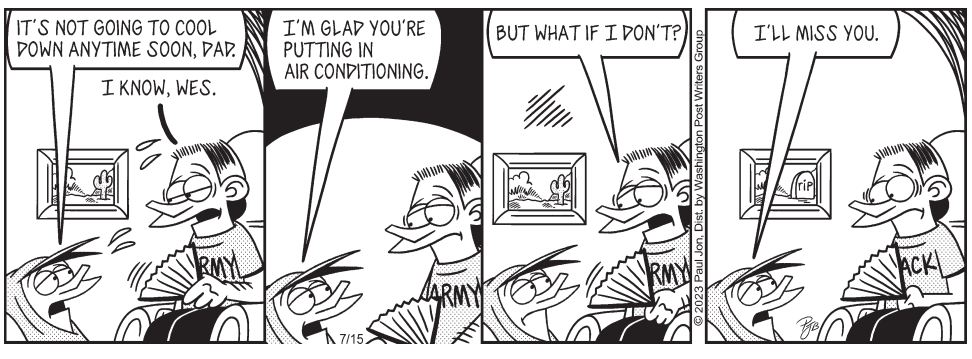
IT'S NOT GOING TO COOL DOWN ANYTIME SOON, DAD.
I KNOW, WES.
I'M GLAD YOU'RE PUTTING IN AIR CONDITIONING.
BUT WHAT IF I DON'T?
I'LL MISS YOU.
ARMY
RIP
ACK!
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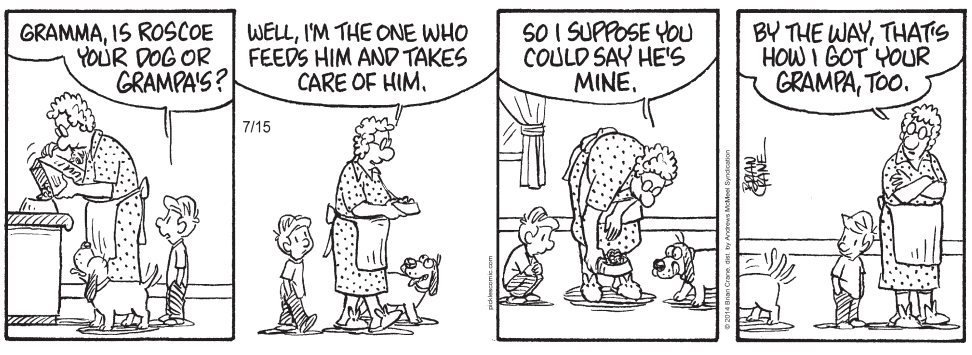
GRAMMA, IS ROSCOE YOUR DOG OR GRAMPA'S?
WELL, I'M THE ONE WHO FEEDS HIM AND TAKES CARE OF HIM.
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SO I SUPPOSE YOU COULD SAY HE'S MINE.
BY THE WAY, THAT'S HOW I GOT YOUR GRAMPA, TOO.
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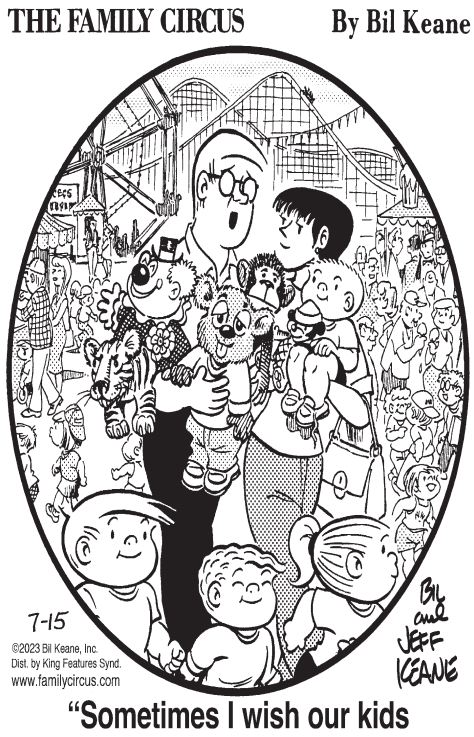

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

HOW'S THE BOOK COMING ALONG, MOM?
NOT GREAT.
I'M HAVING TROUBLE FINDING AN AUTHENTIC VOICE FOR THE LITTLE BOY CHARACTER.
TRY REPLACING ALL HIS WORDS WITH BURPS AND TOOTS.
HEY...THAT WORKS!
TYPE TYPE TYPE TYPE
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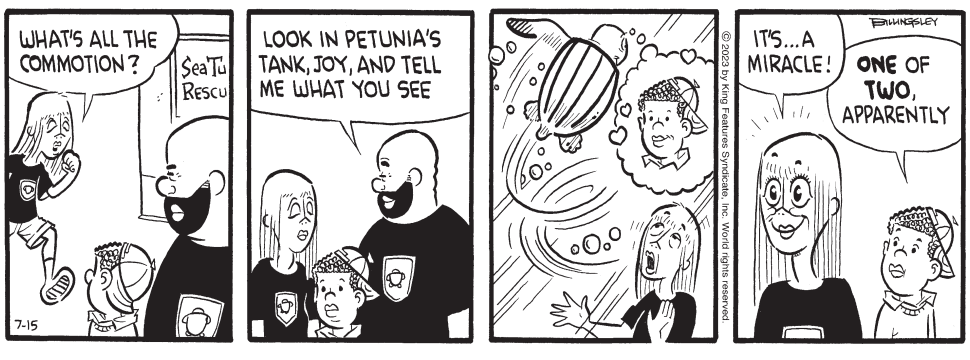
WHAT'S ALL THE COMMOTION?
SeaTu Rescu
LOOK IN PETUNIA'S TANK, JOY, AND TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE
IT'S...A MIRACLE!
ONE OF TWO, APPARENTLY
BILLINGSLEY
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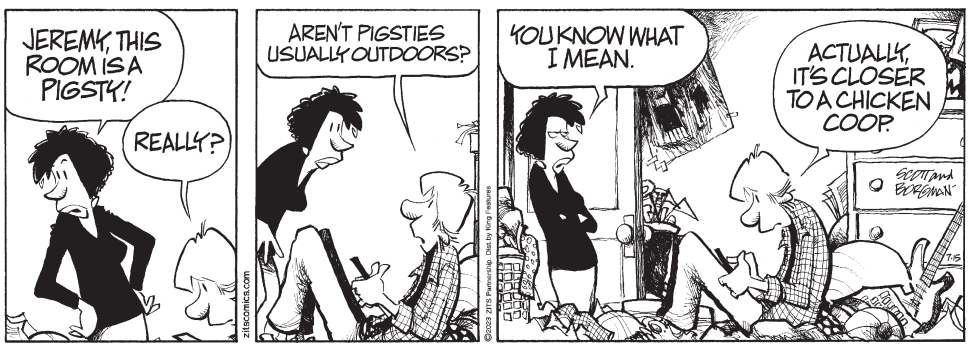

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 15, 1916, Boeing Co., originally known as Pacific Aero Products Co., was founded in Seattle.

On this date:

In 1834, the Spanish Inquisition was abolished more than 350 years after its creation.

In 1870, Georgia became the last Confederate state to be readmitted to the Union.

In 1913, Democrat Augustus Bacon of Georgia became the first person elected to the U.S. Senate under the terms of the recently ratified 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, providing for popular election of senators.

In 1975, three American astronauts blasted off aboard an Apollo spaceship hours after two Soviet cosmonauts were launched aboard a Soyuz spacecraft for a mission that included a linkup of the two ships in orbit.

In 1976, a 36-hour kidnap ordeal began for 26 schoolchildren and their bus driver as they were abducted near Chowchilla, California, by three gunmen and imprisoned in an underground cell. (The captives escaped unharmed; the kidnappers were caught.)

In 1996, MSNBC, a 24-hour all-news network, made its debut on cable and the internet.

In 1997, fashion designer Gianni Versace, 50, was shot dead outside his Miami Beach home; suspected gunman Andrew Phillip Cunanan, 27, was found dead eight days later, a suicide. (Investigators believed Cunanan killed four other people before Versace in a cross-country rampage that began the previous March.)

In 2002, John Walker Lindh, an American who'd fought alongside the Taliban in Afghanistan, pleaded guilty in federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, to two felonies in a deal sparing him life in prison.

In 2016, Donald Trump chose Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, an experienced politician with deep Washington connections, as his running mate.

In 2019, avowed white supremacist James Alex Fields Jr. was sentenced to life in prison plus 419 years for killing one and injuring dozens of others when he deliberately drove his car into a crowd of anti-racism protesters during a rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

In 2020, George Floyd's family filed a lawsuit against the city of Minneapolis and the four police officers charged in his death, alleging the officers violated Floyd's rights when they restrained him and that the city allowed a culture of excessive force, racism and impunity to flourish in its police force. (The city would agree to pay $27 million to settle the lawsuit in March 2021.)

Ten years ago: Two days after a Florida jury acquitted George Zimmerman in the death of Trayvon Martin, Attorney General Eric Holder called the killing a "tragic, unnecessary shooting," and said the Justice Department would follow "the facts and the law" as it reviewed evidence to see whether federal criminal charges were warranted. (Federal authorities have yet to reach a decision in the case.) Miguel Angel Trevino Morales, the notoriously brutal leader of the feared Zetas drug cartel, was captured in the first major blow against an organized crime leader by Mexican officials.

Five years ago: President Donald Trump arrived in Finland for a summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Earlier, in an interview with CBS News, Trump named the European Union as a top adversary of the United States. France won its second World Cup title, beating Croatia 4-2 in the final in Moscow. Novak Djokovic captured his fourth Wimbledon title, defeating Kevin Anderson; it was Djokovic's 13th major trophy, but his first in more than two years. A wildfire that killed a California firefighter forced the closure of a key route into Yosemite National Park.

One year ago: President Joe Biden exchanged a cordial fist bump with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, but said he then raised the issue of the murder of writer Jamal Khashoggi, which U.S. intelligence had said the crown prince approved. Biden held a private meeting with the crown prince and other Saudi officials in hopes of repairing an important diplomatic relationship. Rescuers with sniffer dogs combed through debris in a central Ukrainian city looking for people missing after a devastating Russian missile strike that killed at least 23 people and wounded more than 100.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Patrick Wayne is 84. R&B singer Millie Jackson is 79. Rock singer-musician Peter Lewis (Moby Grape) is 78. Singer Linda Ronstadt is 77. Rock musician Artimus Pyle is 75. Arianna Huffington, co-founder of The Huffington Post, is 73. Actor Celia Imrie is 71. Actor Terry O'Quinn is 71. Rock singer-musician David Pack is 71. Rock musician Marky Ramone is 71. Rock musician Joe Satriani is 67. Country singer-songwriter Mac McAnally is 66.

OBITUARIES

Virginia Ann 'Jinny' Melton Canfield Barron

Virginia Ann "Jinny" Melton Canfield Barron, age 78, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on June 4, 1945 in Jefferson County, Indiana. She was the loving daughter of the late Bernard and Virginia Callis Melton. She lived most of her life in the Madison community and was schooled there. She was united in marriage to John Albert Canfield on February 4, 1963 in Jefferson County, Indiana. This happy union was blessed with two sons, John and Steve and two daughters, Gretchen and Crystal. She worked as a server at the old Madison Country Club for two years, was a private caregiver for fifteen years, and retired from the U.S. Shoe Corporation as a line worker after nine years. She first was active in the West Madison United Methodist Church and then attended the West Street Ministries. She enjoyed quilting, sewing, playing bingo, gospel music, computer games, and gardening. Virginia died on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 3:05 p.m. at the Norton Audubon Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Virginia will be missed by her loving sons, John H. Canfield and his wife, Sue of Madison, IN, Steve Canfield of Madison, IN; her loving daughters, Gretchen Canfield Thorne and her husband Brian of Madison, IN, Crystal May and her husband Charles Harris of Dupont, IN; her grandchildren, Amber Nicole Hord, Brittney Canfield, and Katie Monroe (Nate); her great grandchildren, Dominic, Nikki Ann, Zailynn, Eli, and Lainey Grace; her sister, Kay McKay and her husband Mark of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bernard Melton, her mother, Virginia Callis Melton Kuppler, her stepfather, Paul Kuppler, the father of her children, John Albert Canfield, her sister, Norma Hunt, and her grandson, Tyler Canfield.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 6 p.m., by Pastor Jim Wilson at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow at a later date in the Zoar Cemetery near Kent, Indiana. Friends may visit Sunday from 3 — 6 p.m. until time of the service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Don Elbert McLain

Don was born in Pontiac MI to Kenneth E. McLain and Helen F LaVeque. He passed away at Charter Senior Living in Annapolis MD on June 25, 2023, after a long illness. He lived most of his life on Maybee Rd in Clarkston MI.

Don attended Pontiac Central High School and received an Associate Degree in Business Administration from Oakland Community College. He graduated Magna Cum Laude. Don worked for the West Bloomfield School district for many years as head of the print shop and media supervisor. He won several awards for his work in the print shop and his media contributions to school functions. When he retired from the schools and needing to stay busy went to work for the Kroger Store in Clarkston, MI in their bakery department for several years.

Don was an avid sports fan and followed the Detroit Tigers, Red Wings, and the University of MI teams closely. He also collected coins and participated in the Pontiac Coin Club meetings and shows. Don was an avid music lover and had an extensive collection which he played often. He also loved movies and had an amazing collection of many different types of movies.

He is survived by his siblings Kay Chase (Gerald), Fay Smith (Jim), Kenneth L McLain, Charlotte Lewis (Allen) and nephews Gerald Chase (Jane), Harold (Holly), John (Yukiko) and great niece Madeleine Chase and great nephews Taylor, Leo and Kai Chase. He was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew Matthew Hamberg. He will be missed by all who knew him as a kind, giving and special person.

Visitation will take place at 10 a.m. July 17th with service at 12 p.m. at First Missionary Church, 4832 Clintonville Rd, Clarkston, MI 48346.

Interment will be at Springdale Cemetery in Madison, Indiana. July 19th at 11a.m.

Donations in Don's memory can be made to:

Hospice of the ChesapeakeGrace Centers of Hope

Anne Arundel County

35 E Huron Street

90 Ritchie Highway

Pontiac, MI 48343

Pasadena, MD 21122

SEE OBITUARY/PAGE A7

Paul Edward 'P.T.' Torline

Paul Edward "P.T." Torline, age 82, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on October 23, 1940, in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was the loving son of the late Joseph A. and Marie M. Schafer Torline.

His family moved to Madison when he was just one year old, and he resided there the rest of his life. "P.T .", as some of his friends would call him, graduated from Shawe Memorial High School in 1959. He was inducted into the United States Army and served at Fort Leonard Wood where he rose to the rate of Specialist E-5 and was honorably discharged. On January 19, 1963, Paul was united in marriage to Patricia S. Begley at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Madison, Indiana. This happy union was blessed with a daughter, Angela and a son, Mark. Paul worked early in life for Grote Manufacturing and then in communications with Indiana Telephone Company. In 1966 he began working at the Jefferson Proving Ground in Madison in the communications department and retired in 2005 after it closed with 39 years of service. Paul was a great supporter of the Shawe Booster Club and would help collect newspapers every Saturday with his buddies, Mel Skiles and Gary Armbrecht, to perpetuate the club. He was assistant scout master with Boy Scout Troop 721 for over ten years and was known as "Uncle Paul" by the boys. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Lodge and often call Bingo and help cook. He was a faithful member of the Prince of Peace Catholic Church and would help with the funeral dinners. Paul donated over 20 gallons of blood to the Red Cross throughout his lifetime and proudly displayed the pins on his hat that he wore. He loved to bake and cook; he made the best yeast rolls, Christmas cookies, and chocolate chip cookies. He even won the Madison Courier Cookie Contest as the only male entry with his cookies. In 2000 he was awarded the second Golden Shamrock Award that was given by the Friends of Shawe and Pope John for his contribution and dedication to the schools. Paul loved nature, animals, being outdoors, and he loved to watch the Colts Football, the Cincinnati Reds Baseball, and IU Basketball. He was a kind and genuine soul who helped wherever needed. Paul died on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 12:35 a.m. at the Norton King's Daughters' Hospital in Madison, Indiana.

Paul will be missed by his loving wife, Patricia S. Begley Torline of Madison, IN; his daughter, Angela Stockdale and her husband, Dennis of Jeffersonville, IN; his son, Mark Torline and his wife, Stacie of Bloomington, IN; his grandchildren, Ryan Joseph Neeb, Emily Leslie Neeb, Jenna Marie Torline, Cameron Stockdale (Laura), Connor Stockdale, and Carson Stockdale; his great grandson, Luca Leroy Stockdale; his brothers, Dr. Phillip Torline and his wife, Stephanie of South Africa, Charles Joseph Torline of Madison, IN; his sister-in-law, Wanda Atwood of Hutchinson Island, FL; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph August Torline, his mother, Marie Matilda Schafer Torline, his sisters-in-law, Martha Winkel Torline, and Libby Robertson and her husband, Otis, best friend and his brother-in-law, Mike Atwood, his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Price and Julia Begley.

Funeral Mass will be conducted Friday, July 14, 2023, at 10 a.m., by Father Christopher A. Craig at the St. Patrick Catholic Chapel, 305 West State Street in Madison. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery,1415 North Gate Road in Madison. Friends may visit Thursday from 4 — 7 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 until 9:30 a.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison.

Military honors will be rendered at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter or the Shawe Booster Club.

Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Maureen Grace Schultz Anderson, 58, of Madison, IN, died Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at her home near Madison. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Kenneth Harold Blair, 71, of Holton, IN, died Friday, June 30, 2023, at University of Cincinnati Hospital in Cincinnati. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 16 at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, IN, Interment will be at a later date at Little Memory Church Cemetery in Sunman, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Stanley Hunt, 76, of Carrollton, KY, died Monday, July 10, 2023, in Carrollton. Funeral services are at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 14 at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home, Carrollton, with burial to follow at Carrollton I.O.O.F. Cemetery there, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Elgin William "Butch" Fidell, 59, of Madison, IN, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, in a traffic accident in Hanover, IN. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 17, at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Riley McIntyre II, 80, of Sparta, KY, died Tuesday, July 4, 2023, at St. Elizabeth Hospice in Edgewood, KY. Funeral was at Garnett-New Funeral Home in Warsaw, KY, on Saturday, July 8, with burial in Ghent (KY) Cemetery, www.gnmfh.com.

Theresa Lee Klemp Mihalko, 75, of Milton, KY, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at her home in Milton. Cremation was chosen with a celebration of life to be announced at a later date. Inurnment will follow at Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison, IN. Arrangements by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, ww.morgan-nay.com.

GIVING TODAY TO IMPACT TOMORROW

Read more about one of eleven endowments recently established by individuals, families, and organizations to make a difference in Jefferson County's future.

HANOVER COMMUNITY GARDEN ENDOWMENT

The Hanover Community Garden, Inc. established this Agency Fund to help support the care of a community garden located at the corner of Madison Avenue and File Street in Hanover. The organization would like the garden to be a place where the community can enjoy the outdoors, learn gardening skills, and provide nutritious food to residents who may be food insecure. Annual grants made to Hanover Community Garden, Inc. will support its mission of connecting residents to nature and beautifying their neighborhood.

Anyone can give to any of our funds, in any amount, at any time.

OTHER NEW FUNDS INCLUDE:

- Daniel and Jessica Butler Charitable Endowment
- Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Indiana Endowment
- Hanover Community Endowment
- Hunt Family Endowment
- John Hawk Endowment
- Kiwanis Club Scholarship in Memory of John Hawk
- Madison Main Street Endowment
- Rainbow Youth Scholarship
- Randy and Donna Wehner Children's Literacy Fund
- Terry and Wanda Wood Memorial Scholarship

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OBITUARY

Dustin Ian Abbott

Dustin Ian Abbott, age 38, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, entered this life on June 21, 1985, in Louisville, Kentucky. He was the loving son of Delbert Keith and Terri Melton Abbott. He was raised in Jefferson County and graduated from Southwestern High School. Dustin had studied accounting at Methodist University for a time and was raised in the Catholic faith. He was inducted into the United States Army on November 9, 2006 in Louisville, Kentucky. He rose to the rate of Specialist Four and served as a combat engineer in Operation Iraq Freedom for three years. He was honorably discharged on March 25, 2010 at Fort Hood, Texas receiving the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Ribbon. Dustin was blessed with a daughter, Tatum, in 2010 with his relationship with Katie Elswick. He resided for 10 years in the Edinburgh community and was employed in production with Cummins Engine Company and was a former production associate for NSK Precision America. He was a devoted dad to his daughter for the past 13 years. He moved to Colorado Springs and started a new career as an assembler working in water treatment. He began a relationship with Amber Stewart in November of 2021 and was excited about the upcoming birth of their daughter on October 27, 2023. Dustin enjoyed hiking, nature and being with his family and friends. He liked to listen to music by Bob Marley, Lynnard Skynrd, and Jim Morrison. He had suffered with PTSD due to his service in the war and had tried to overcome this awful trauma. Dustin died on Friday, June 30, 2023, at 12:56 pm at the hospital in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In death Dustin chose to be an organ donor to give life to others.

Dustin will be missed by his loving mother, Terri Melton Abbott of Edinburgh, Indiana; his loving father, Delbert Keith Abbott of Madison, IN; his loving companion, Amber Stewart of Colorado Springs, CO; his beloved daughter, Tatum Abbott; his brother, Josh Abbott and his wife, Angel and Jeff Abbott; his sisters, Michelle Smith and her husband, Matt, Brandi Swint and her husband, TJ; his aunts and uncles, Doug and Betty Abbott, Terry and Marie Abbott, Rhonda Carr, Pam Marsh, Cathy Bray; his nieces and his nephews, Will, Ryan, and Jackson Swint, Trevor, Kyle, and Ethan Armel, Trenton Smith, Isabella, Haleigh, Skyler, Aleigha, and Adyson, Michael Abbott, Kaelie Abbott, Patience, Tyler and Haley and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Don and Shelba Melton and Mary Wooten.

Memorial services will be conducted Saturday, July 15, 2023, at 2 p.m., by Father Christopher Craig and eulogy by Matt Tucker at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery Columbarium, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, Indiana.

Friends may visit Saturday, July 15, 2023, from 12 — 2 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

A final salute and military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Family and friends will gather after the inurnment ceremony at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery at the Nor Rose Knights of Columbus Lodge in Madison, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dustin Abbott Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Jennings man indicted for illegal sale of hundreds of guns

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

A North Vernon man who allegedly took in nearly $400,000 by selling hundreds of firearms was indicted July 10 by a federal grand jury on one count of unlicensed firearm dealing, according to a news release from the United States Attorney's Office, Southern Indiana District.

If convicted, David Joseph Mull, 51, faces up to five years in federal prison. The government also seeks forfeiture of more that 1,000 firearms seized from Mull as property involved in the charged offense.

Mull is alleged to have sold firearms to two people, described in the news release as Individual A and Individual B. He allegedly sold 500 firearms in exchange for $350,000 to Individual A, and another 90 firearms in exchange for $56,850 to Individual B, according to the release.

The firearms were allegedly purchased by Mull from gun shows and sold to other individuals. Mull was allegedly aware that the firearms he sold would be transported to Mexico.

During a firearms sale on March 9, 2023, Individual B asked Mull why he did not have a brick-and-mortar business, to which Mull allegedly replied, "Like a store? I don't want nobody to know. I'm probably like you, I don't want nobody to know about it. Hopefully we can continue to do a bunch of business; I'll keep on getting stuff," according to the news release.

Investigators said Mull had previously been warned about selling firearms. On May 25, 2016, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives issued Mull a cease-and-desist letter advising him that it was unlawful to engage in the business of dealing firearms without a license, according to the news release.

"Firearms trafficking investigations are a priority of the Department of Justice, because we know that illegal gun sales fuel violence in our communities and around the world," said U.S. Attorney Zachary A. Myers. "We will continue to work with the ATF, IRS, DEA, and all our law enforcement partners to aggressively investigate and prosecute illegal gun trafficking."

Myers, Daryl S. McCormick, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), Columbus Field Division, Justin Campbell, Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation, Chicago Field Office, and Michael Gannon, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the DEA's Indianapolis Field Office made the announcement.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Drug Enforcement Administration investigated this case.

This case was part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigation, according to the news release. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level drug traffickers, money launderers, gangs, and transnational criminal organizations that threaten the United States by using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach that leverages the strengths of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies against criminal networks.

Demolition ordered for collapsed building in North Vernon

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

The North Vernon Board of Zoning Appeals voted unanimously that a portion of a building that collapsed at 41 North Madison Avenue last month be demolished.

The board also ordered that all portions of the building affected by the collapse be demolished within 30 days.

The collapse of the back part of the building that formerly housed Old Joe's Pizza, located between Crimson Oak Restaurant and the Park Civic Centre and Theatre, caved in last month, sheering natural gas lines and causing damage to the old ice cream store next door.

No one was injured in the collapse, but the issue dominated a subsequent North Vernon City Council meeting, attended by more than 30 residents wanting to know what the council planned to do about that building and others that are in poor shape.

SALOON

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Angela. "We made the indoors smoke free on June 1, and created the awesome outdoor patio in back for anyone who wants to smoke or prefers to be outside.

"We've added food options. We've added more games to go with our popular pool table. We have cornhole on the patio. There's a Queen of Hearts drawing on Tuesdays, which is over $800 at the moment. Plenty of TVs, of course. The vision is to be a super friendly and fun neighborhood bar.

"But maybe the biggest change we've made is a commitment to live music. We've been bringing in music most Thursdays and Fridays, and pretty much every Saturday. I think it's important. I know when I'm choosing a place to go out for an evening, I want to know who's playing where. Live music can make the night magical, I really believe that."

At this point mom Paulette chimes back in. "Music pays for itself, too. Absolutely. The extra we pay to bring in a band or Karaoke we more than make up for in increased traffic and sales. We're also looking at having music more often out on the patio, too. We think live music is a winner, and we're excited to be a part of the great history of music in Madison.

"Speaking of history, some of your readers may be interested in the history of this old building here on First Street. I've been told that it was originally built as a wool warehouse in 1813, which makes it over 200 years old now. And then it was a mirror factory for many years. Those mirrors are highly prized today."

"If people haven't been into 1st Street lately, I urge you to come and see what we are all about," says Angela. "We're building something here that is unique in Madison, something in the tradition of the many local taverns and small bars that were part of the fabric of this town since the pioneering days."

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

Lots of items on the calendar deserve special attention this week. First, you'll notice our Thursday has FOUR live music options. That's pretty awesome if you want to get a jump on the weekend. On Friday, in addition to the late night music at the regular venues, you can also enjoy an early evening free show at Bicentennial Park. The band Storefront Congregation is playing, and they have a powerful bluegrass sound.

Saturday I'm heading straight for Thomas Family Winery for a Celtic music and culture fair they are calling Celtica Fae! Steve Thomas has promised that there will be goat boys, so that really seals the deal for me. Oh, and finally, I've been told by the folks at the Lighthouse floating bar and restaurant that the Beecamp Bottom Boys are going to be a regular Sunday afternoon thing, starting at noon.

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

THIS WEEK IN MUSIC

Thursday, July 13

Rivertown Grill — Open Mic

The Central — Fred Elam

The Drake — Joe & Deano

1st Street Saloon — John Ryan

Friday, July 14

Rivertown Grill — Vaguely Familiar

The Central — Adrian Taylor

The Drake — Jimmy & Billy

The Lighthouse — L & L Karaoke

Bicentennial Park — Storefront Congregation w/Ida Clare (6 p.m.)

Saturday, July 15

Rivertown Grill — Ragtop Deluxe

The Central — Tailfin Cadillac

1st Street Saloon — L & L Karaoke

The Lighthouse — Inside Out

Thomas Family Winery — Celtica Fae!

Madison Farmers Market — Jordan Wilson

Hoosier Theater (Vevay) — Tyler Mac

Sunday, July 16

Rivertown Grill — DJ Adkins

The Lighthouse — Beecamp Bottom Boys

CITY

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the TIF district benefits for the city. Madison and Jefferson County have benefited greatly from the city's redevelopment commission investments downtown and on the hilltop and there is an unprecedented level of investment happening now."

The resolutions needed approval from City Council and Plan Commission, which they received, prior to the final approval by the Redevelopment Commission.

The new TIF district removes the riverfront parcels from the North Madison Economic Development Allocation Area, and creates a new TIF area that runs from West Street to East Street south down to the Ohio River with upper boundaries extending to portions of Hentz Lane alley, Second Street and First Street.

A decrement analysis was done by Reedy Financial Group, and that process removes parcels that have negative valuations in the TIF district to provide for a maximum investment.

Inflation's Impact on Retirement Planning

"Layin' it on the line"

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Safeguarding Your Future Funds

Retirement planning is crucial for a secure financial future. However, one often overlooked factor that can significantly impact your retirement funds is inflation. Lets explore why inflation poses a threat to retirement planning and I present six simple and interesting ways to reduce the damage it can cause.

Understanding Inflation's Impact: Inflation refers to the gradual increase in the cost of goods and services over time. While moderate inflation is a normal part of a healthy economy, it can erode the purchasing power of your retirement savings. This means that the money you've diligently saved may not stretch as far when you retire, making it essential to consider strategies to counteract its effects.

Reducing Inflation Damage: Six Simple Strategies:

1. Invest in Diverse Assets: Diversification is a powerful tool to combat inflation. Instead of relying solely on traditional savings accounts, consider investing in a mix of assets such as stocks, bonds, real estate, and commodities. These investments have the potential to outpace inflation and generate higher returns over the long term, preserving the value of your retirement funds.

2. Consider Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS): TIPS are government-issued bonds specifically designed to protect against inflation. Their principal value adjusts with changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), ensuring that your investment keeps pace with rising prices. Including TIPS in your retirement portfolio can provide a reliable income stream that maintains its purchasing power.

3. Maximize Contributions to Retirement Accounts: Contributing the maximum allowable amount to retirement accounts like 401(k)s or IRAs is a smart strategy. By doing so, you take advantage of tax benefits and ensure that your retirement funds grow on a tax-deferred or tax-free basis. Maximizing contributions helps you stay ahead of inflation by continually adding to your retirement savings.

4. Regularly Review and Adjust Your Retirement Plan: Inflation is not a static force, and its impact can vary over time. It's crucial to regularly review your retirement plan and make adjustments as needed. Consider consulting with a financial advisor who can help you assess your plan, estimate future expenses, and ensure that your investments align with your long-term goals.

5. Maintain a Flexible Retirement Budget: Creating a retirement budget that accounts for potential inflation is essential. Be realistic about future expenses and factor in rising costs for essentials like healthcare, housing, and daily living expenses. By maintaining a flexible budget, you'll be better prepared to adjust your spending habits and make necessary financial decisions as inflationary pressures arise.

6. Use an annuity with crediting (interest yields) tied to an outside source such as a financial index. Fixed Indexed Annuities may return a higher yield over time, especially if the annuity is targeted for income using an Income Rider to maximize retirement yields. The higher yield may help offset inflation concerns.

Inflation can pose a significant threat to your retirement funds, but by understanding its impact and implementing these simple strategies, you can reduce the damage and safeguard your financial future. Diversifying investments, considering TIPS, maximizing contributions, reviewing your plan regularly, Fixed Indexed Annuities with an income rider attached, and maintaining a flexible budget are all effective ways to combat inflation's effects on retirement planning. Start taking action today to secure a comfortable and worry-free retirement tomorrow.

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4-H mural unveiled

Bob Demaree

As part of the celebration of the new mural at the Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds, fair board members and youth who helped paint the mural gathered in front of it during a special unveiling event Monday afternoon. "The impact of 4-H on kids is just phenenomal," said Stacy Hardesty-Gray, who developed the mural that provides a way of illustrating the many aspects of what area youth can achieve through 4-H.

Bob Demaree

Bill Barnes (right), president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County; and Kelley Hoagland (left), the Foundation's marketing and donor relations manager, look over the new mural on the east side of the Community Building at the Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds with artist Stacy Hardesty-Gray (center). A $5,300 grant from the Foundation provided funding for the 4-H-themed mural, which was unveiled earlier this week as part of 4-H Fair week.

Redevelopment reflects on progress made at Sunrise Crossing

BY BOB DEMAREE

With the first store at the Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing opening this week, Madison Mayor Bob Courtney reflected back on the former Madison Plaza site and looked forward to that abandoned strip mall will become at Tuesday's meeting of the city's Redevelopment Commission.

"I keep encouraging people across the community as we're bringing new things in to reflect on what it was like a very short time ago," said Courtney, noting the former Madison Plaza "was a very difficult area to bring in a redevelopment plan because it was a very large site" that was expensive to develop.

However, with Sunrise Crossing developers were found to take such a large scale project to bring not only new retail the space but also eventually develop an unused wooded lot into much-needed new housing with the Residences of Sunrise Crossing slated to begin construction next year.

National retailer Five Below is the first shop to open this week but T.J. Maxx, Hobby Lobby and Kohl's will open their stores later this year and additional retailers have been announced for additional locations in the development

"This development is bringing a lot of fantastic retail elements to the community," said Courtney. "Just a short year ago, we were having a groundbreaking ceremony at Sunrise Crossing to start the work on the retail, and here it is a year later, and it looks absolutely fantastic."

Courtney said the project so far has involved more than creating retail space. Some of the work is providing infrastructure for the new apartment complex that will have approximately 190 units. "All the infrastructure that is being built is not just for the retail but it's for the entire community because of the stormwater detention, the additional sewer capacity and the traffic management" that are "paving the way" for the Residences at Sunrise Crossing.

Redevelopment Commission President John Grote had a chance to visit the Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing site earlier on Tuesday. "It is unbelievable how that's transforming. You don't feel like you're in Madison with these brand new, beautiful retail spaces," Grote said, commending the city's efforts in organizing and guiding the developers "to give us something that everybody is super proud of."

Tony Steinhardt III, the city's economic development director, provided an update that poles for new traffic signals are expected to be set in the next week on Michigan Road at Crestwood Drive and the newly constructed Sunrise Crossing Boulevard. It is hoped that the signal will be functional by Aug 1.

Additionally, Steinhardt noted that work is well underway on the new Culver's restaurant at Clifty Drive and Franks Drive. He said a notice to proceed for widening of Franks Drive at that intersection has been issued for the contractor. "That intersection project will be complete by the end of October and Culver's is expecting to open at the end of October," he said.

At the June meeting, a memorandum of understanding for a purchase agreement was signed with Rafferty Development LLC to renovate and construct a DG Market (Dollar General Market) on the city's property at 120 East Second St. Even with the agreement with Rafferty, approval must be given by Dollar General Corporation for the property to be a DG Market. Steinhardt is hopeful that status can be resolved by the Redevelopment Commission's August meeting, so that project can move forward.

"We'll also be issuing streetscape enhancements and other improvements along with that project in next the 30 days," Steinhardt said, adding the hope is to move forward with plans for that in September.

Steinhardt said the city will utilize Community Crossing funding to pave Cragmont Street from Clifty Drive to Mouser Street, Michigan Road from Miles Ridge to Autumnwood, West Street from the base of Michigan Road hill to Main Street, Mulberry Street from Main Street to Vaughn Drive, Second Street from West Street to Jefferson Street and a portion of Blackmore Street.

Courtney noted that recent changes adopted by city council on permit requirements for utility work involving city streets should allow for longer lasting streets because future excavations will be inspected and proper procedures for surface restoration will be mandated. "We think that will save us a tremendous amount of money for road repairs" in the future, he said.

Courtney told the Redevelopment Commission that he would like to seek additional dollars for the city's PACE program that provides exterior rehabilitation assistance to private property owners. He said the $490,000 that was allocated has been depleted and more property owners are willing to invest in revitalization with the city's assistance.

"As we go through the budget and look forward" Courtney may "ask redevelopment commission to support an additional appropriation for some additional PACE investments across the city" but he wants to get through the efforts that are currently underway prior to that request.

"We have a good budget, we have a lot of projects going on," Courtney said. "Some of the costs are still fluid. Once we get through and really understand where our grocery store development is at, and Sunrise Crossing gets a little further down to solidifying their costs, then I think we may make another recommendation to support PACE if you are amicable to it. It's been a good investment to revitalize our neighborhoods that's creating a great return for us."

PACE program depletes funds before applications for 2023

BY BOB DEMAREE

Although 2023 is a little more than half over, all funds earmarked for Madison's PACE program will have been allocated after the newest round of projects receive final approval.

The PACE review committee met Tuesday with approximately $91,000 remaining to fund $184,000 in project applications that were submitted for that meeting.

Before the meeting began, Chairman Jim Bartlett provided a disclaimer informing applicants "that there are a number of projects that simply can't be funded for lack of cash." Bartlett noted that with limited funds anticipated, the PACE Committee at its May meeting voted to fund the highest rated projects with what funding was still available.

Eight projects at Tuesday's meeting scored higher than the minimum 36 points required for funding but only six will receive funding based on that criteria. Two of the projects were dilapidated structures each eligible for up to a $25,000 match — one at 601 West Street and another 1003 East Street — while three regular revitalization projects of lesser amounts were approved for 510 West Main Street, 809 East Second Street and 407 West Second Street.

Funding for the six projects fell nearly $800 short based on the dollars available, meaning the scoring would need to be trimmed off the lowest scoring grant request in which funding was available and that was for 1902 Strader Street requesting a $20,175 dilapidated structures grant.

Two other structures scored above the minimum requirement — 108 East Third Street and 824 West Third Street — but due to lack of funds, they could potentially only be funded in this round if the lesser amount for 1902 Strader Street is rejected by the property owner.

Nicole Schell, the city's director of planning, said while there are currently no PACE funds available for the remainder of the year, the city is looking at ways to keep the program going.

"The city's administration is actively looking for ways to add funding for another round. So, if applicants weren't awarded, there is the potential for another round this year," Schell said. "I won't know that until those funds are available." She said if additional funding cannot be identified, the next PACE funding round will be in January 2024 and that applications will be taken before the end of this year for the start of 2024 when there will definitely be more funding.

The property at 601 West Street is the process of being converted into the permanent location of the Children's Advocacy Center of Southeastern of Indiana. Kelli Jette, executive director of CAC, noted that a $500,000 grant was received from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) and a $288,778 grant was received from the Bethany Legacy Foundation for updates to the interior the structure.

She said the PACE grant was being sought for exterior improvements including roof repair, tuck pointing and porch repairs. "The OCRA money can only be spent on interior" and there are needs with the exterior. "Bricks are crumbling on the north side," she said, adding they would also like to put a fresh coat of paint on the building.

Donald Ball, the architect, said the building, formerly owned by King's Daughters' Hospital, had sat vacant for several years. "We are in need of paint, restoration and window replacement," he said. Tuck pointing is needed s a brick had fallen above the window on the north side due to water getting into the brick. "We're trying to get it back up in shape and get it ready for another 100 years."

The property at 1003 East Street is one that was damaged by fire on May 15. "It needed quite a bit of work before it burned, and now it needs" much more work, said Brian Marshall, who purchased the house last month and plans to restore it as his residence. "It needs the back one-third of the house torn off, and start over."

The property at 1902 Strader St. on Madison's hilltop that was purchased in April by Keith Cullens. "It's quite the eyesore," he said. "And the interior, the floors are caving in, so there's foundation work that needs to be done." He said there is water damage in the walls, windows need replaced and the siding is in bad shape. "The grant would be to get it back to the way it looked" and get it back in shape so that it is no longer an unsafe structure.

The property at 510 West Main St. is one that Shirley Smalley and her husband purchased more than 15 years ago — the Crawford-Whitehead-Ross House, a two-story Federal style brick dwelling built in 1833, that she said is one of few structures in Madison that's specifically listed on the National Register of Historic Place. "We have put a fortune into that house but I really love it, and I've always loved history." She said it was last painted in 2008, and other elements of the house are now needing repair including the foundation. "I want to maintain it so it's beautiful for many years to come," she said. Although Smalley said the home is her residence, it also functions as a bed and breakfast.

The property at 407 West Second St. is in the process of being rehabilitated by William and Susan Ohlendorf who purchased the house nearly two years ago and plan to eventually move there after it is rehabilitated. Susan Ohlendorf said replacing the windows has been approved by the Historic District Board of Review, noting that a bay window that had been in the front was not original to the house which previously had a door in the center.

The property at 809 East Second St., is owned by Peggy Vlerebome, who said the home is "in need of major tuck pointing on the foundation" with contractor Dennis Webster providing detail on the severity of the problems.

There was a dilapidated structures application for 117 Ferry St., property which has for many years been the Key West Shrimp House that closed in the spring of 2021 and was purchased in April by Rusty and Debbie Russell. Although the application did not score high enough to meet criteria, Debbie Russell said the property needs a lot of electrical work redone, and there's considerable water damage. "We'd like to restore the building on the outside ... where the water leaks were, the wood is rotten." She said windows need replaced and they want to paint. Once completed, she said the upstairs "will be a vacation home for our family, and we will have venues in the lower level once we get it back, and bring the integrity back to the building."

An application by Link Ludington for 111 East Fourth St., the Custer-Cosby House, was amended to allow it to be moved to a new location at 611 Mulberry St., which had not been part of the original PACE application. The potential of moving the structure was one that was realized after the PACE application was granted.

"Had we known more about the potential feasibility of this option at the time PACE grant was initially submitted, we would have just have included that," he said, noting that moving the structure is actually increasing the amount of his private investment while keeping the PACE grant at the same $25,000 as originally approved.

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'The Pouncer' soars through the air to the delight of the crowd during the Monster Truck show at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair on Monday.

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The Twisted Terror tracked vehicle joined in the smashing fun during the Monster Truck Show at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair on Monday.

Chloe Preocanin

A car smashes through a parked RV as part of the Monster Truck show at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair on Monday. The car was later used as an obsticle to be crushed by the monster trucks.

NL snaps All-Star Game skid, tops AL 3-2

BY TIM BOOTH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — Shining brightly in the Emerald City, the National League snapped a losing streak that lasted more than a decade.

An unheralded catcher from Colorado delivered the big blow.

Elias Díaz hit a two-run homer off Félix Bautista in the eighth inning, and the NL snapped a nine-game losing streak in the All-Star Game with a 3-2 win over the American League on Tuesday night.

The NL won for the first time since an 8-0 victory in 2012 in Kansas City, and Díaz became the first Rockies player to win the All-Star MVP award.

"It feels incredible. When we all got here, we all talked about how we were going to bring home the win," said Díaz, who was non-tendered by the Pirates at the end of 2019. "I just didn't realize it was going to be me to bring home the win."Díaz drove a 2-2 pitch from Baltimore's hard-throwing closer deep to left to put the NL in front. Díaz was the lone representative for Colorado in his first All-Star Game appearance. "It does matter. We wanted to win, the American League we wanted to win," Bautista said through an interpreter. "But overall I think that it's an experience I'll never forget and just wish that would have been a little bit different."

Díaz has nine homers this season, but hadn't hit a long ball since June 23 against the Los Angeles Angels."As soon as he walked in the clubhouse and I met him, he said, 'I'll do anything you want. If I play, I play. If I don't, I don't. I'm just so happy to be here,' " NL manager Rob Thomson said. "So for him to do that, it's fantastic."

For most of the night, the All-Star Game was a pitchers' duel highlighted by a couple big hits and some excellent defense. It got nervous for the NL with Philadelphia closer Craig Kimbrel on the

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UK opens GLOBL JAM with win over Germany

BY AARON GERSHON
THE CATS' PAUSE

TORONTO — A strong defensive effort, despite facing a much taller Germany squad, and standout performances from a trio of veterans helped Kentucky, representing Team USA, win its GLOBL JAM opener 81-73 Wednesday afternoon at Toronto's Mattamy Athletic Centre.

"It was a good first game for us against a good team," Kentucky head coach John Calipari said. "One of their players walked out and said we want to see you Sunday (in the gold medal game). I said let's do it. Will we redo it? Let's go. That means we're there."

Kentucky forced 21 turnovers in the victory, while holding the German squad to 35% shooting from the field. The defensive effort included 10 steals and five blocked shots.

"We have done very little on defense other than you have to guard the dribble drive, which means you got to guard the ball. So we're guarding the ball pretty good," Calipari said. "How much have we done pick and roll? A little bit. I thought they did good. Close-outs, we've done a lot. European teams ball fake because they're going to shoot 40 threes. So they ball fake and Justin [Edwards] left (his feet). We said quit leaving your feet and then he left his feet two more times.

"But what it meant is they're contesting shots and they're trying," Calipari said.

It was fifth-year seniors Antonio Reeves and Tre Mitchell, along with sophomore Adou Thiero, paving Kentucky's path to victory. Reeves scored a game-high 24 points while drilling three three-pointers. Mitchell scored 20 points, including four threes from his forward position. Thiero added 10 points, to go along with seven rebounds, three assists, two blocks and two steals.

"He's a great player, a hard worker and it showed today," freshmen DJ Wagner said of Thiero. "He was on every rebound, playing really hard and making good plays. So he is definitely a great player and that's another one who was here before, so he definitely has been showing us the ropes and just showing us the ins and outs."

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MLB trying pearl white baseballs to rid sticky stuff problem

BY RONALD BLUM
AP BASEBALL WRITER

SEATTLE — Pristine white baseballs that would not require rubbing are under consideration by Major League Baseball as a way to solve the issue of pitchers using sticky substances for better grip.

"We continue to work with the people at Dow Chemical on developing a tacky ball," Commissioner Ron Manfred told the Baseball Writers' Association of America on Tuesday. "It would literally eliminate all — well, not all — but many of the variables in the current process. It would come out of a sealed foil pouch at the ballpark. No individual mudding."

MLB executive vice president Morgan Sword said the balls were tested in the first half of this season in the Double-A Southern League. The balls would retain colored stitches.

"Like everything in baseball, when you inch towards a solution, you figure out another problem," Manfred said. "The baseball, if we get there with the Dow people, would be a pearl, right? A pure white baseball. I think if you take hitters and pitchers out front here and ask 'em what they think of a pure white baseball, you're going to find out that it's a pretty controversial topic. So not only do we have the science that we're continuing to work on but we're going to have to get over that sort of policy issue of: Is a pure white baseball a good thing?".

A minimum 13 dozen baseballs are prepared for each game. Humidors have been used for storage by all teams since 2022.

"The only issue guys are having now is that whatever park you go to, every stadium is different," Minnesota All-Star pitcher Sonny Gray said. "The elements are different everywhere. Like when you're pitching in Minnesota when it's 30 degrees outside for the first month of the season, the balls are going to be hard, cold and dry, rather than when you're pitching in Cincinnati in the middle of the summer it's sticky and humid."

Tampa Bay pitcher Shane McClanahan prefers a pretacked ball, such as Nippon Professional Baseball uses.

"We've seen that it's had success in Japan with consistent balls," he said. "Once we agree upon it as players and whatnot, I'm excited to see what happens."

Five pitchers have been suspended for 10 games each since MLB began its crackdown on banned grip substances in June 2021 by instituting regular inspections by umpires.

Seattle's Hector Santiago and Arizona's Caleb Smith served suspensions in 2021 and three were disciplined this season: the Mets' Max Scherzer,the Yankees' Domingo Germán on May 17 and the Mets' Drew Smith on June 14.

"The suspensions that we have had would fall into the category of clear-to-egregious violations," Manfred said. "I understand that feeling someone's hand is inherently subjective. I think this is an area where umpires, again, with a difficult topic, have shown great judgment and discretion. I think gray areas, players have definitely been given the benefit of the doubt."

Baseballs currently are rubbed with mud to make them less slick. MLB standardized rubbing procedures among the 30 teams last year.

Manfred not altering Pete Rose's lifetime ban from baseball

SEATTLE — Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred has no intention of altering Pete Rose's lifetime ban from baseball, and said the sport's commercial deals with gambling companies have no impact on the status of the career hits leader.

Rose agreed to a lifetime ban in 1989 after an investigation for Major League Baseball by lawyer John Dowd found Rose placed numerous bets on the Cincinnati Reds to win from 1985-87 while playing for and managing the team.

The Hall of Fame's board decided in 1991 that players on the permanently ineligible list also may not appear on the Hall ballot. Rose asked the Hall in 2016 to change the rule.

Rose applied for reinstatement in 1997 and met with Commissioner Bud Selig in 2002, but Selig never ruled on Rose's application. Manfred succeeded Selig in 2015 and rejected Rose's application.

"We've always approached the issue of gambling from the proposition that players and other people who are in a position to influence the outcome of the game are going to be subject to a different set of rules than everyone else in the world," Manfred told the Baseball Writers' Association of America on Tuesday.

"Pete Rose violated what is sort of rule one in baseball, and the consequences of that are clear in the rule, and we've continued to abide by our own rules," Manfred added. "It's just the rules are different for players. It's part of the responsibility that comes with the privilege of being a major league player."

Manfred minimized MLB's revenue from gaming companies.

"I think people believe we make more money off gambling than we actually do," he said.

Casey says broadcast experience can help him as Yankees hitting coach

BY LARRY FLEISHER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Sean Casey went directly from enjoying a 12-year big league career to sitting in the MLB Network studio analyzing hitting for television audiences on a nightly basis.

He believes the experience of discussing everything related to hitting since 2009 has prepared him for his new role as the New York Yankees' hitting coach, and he is optimistic he can turn around a struggling offense with 71 games remaining.

Casey, sporting a mustache as a tribute to former Yankees captain Don Mattingly, was introduced as New York's hitting coach on Wednesday, two days after taking the job. He replaces Dillon Lawson, whom the Yankees fired following a 7-4 loss to the Chicago Cubs on Sunday.

"I feel like that job at MLB Network has set me up in a way to be an incredible coach because I basically had been coaching for 15 years," Casey said. "Every time I'm on air, and I'm watching games, and I'm having to break down players, guys that are hot guys that are struggling, what could they do?

"I feel like there's nothing when I coach this team, there's nothing that I don't know about what the swing looks like from the ground up, what it looks like mentally to be a great big leaguer and to have success as a team up and down that lineup. So MLB Network has made me feel ready for this job."

Casey accepted it after Yankees manager and former Cincinnati teammate Aaron Boone called him over the weekend as general manager Brian Cashman was planning to let Lawson go. Casey originally was going to take an assistant hitting coach job that went to Brad Wilkerson in the offseason but declined it to spend time with his fiancee, who had breast cancer and was undergoing chemotherapy.

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The 49-year-old former first baseman is presiding over an offense that is batting .231, which ranks 28th among the 30 major league teams, ahead of only Detroit and Oakland. The Yankees are 14-17 since Aaron Judge tore a ligament in his right big toe on June 3 and is batting a major league-worst .218 since the slugger was hurt crashing into the right-field wall at Dodger Stadium.

The Yankees entered the All-Star break at 49-42 and fourth in the AL East. While New York is fifth in the majors with 129 homers, it is 18th in runs and its .300 on-base percentage is 26th.

"Expectations in New York, expectations for myself are high," Casey said. "I would expect myself to come in and make an impact. I think the biggest thing is that for all of us, you just got to make sure that you get locked into what your job is, and I think sometimes that if you start to worry what others' expectations are for you, you don't do them as good as you can in the trenches."

While watching the Yankees from the the MLB Network studio, Casey said he noticed how quickly some of the innings unfolded, especially since Judge was out. "I'm seeing a lot of five-, six-, seven- maybe eight-pitch innings," he said. "For me on the outside looking in and I'm like, that's very unlike the Yankees. That's not the Yankee away. That's not the way these guys go about it."

Casey batted .302 with 130 home runs and 735 RBIs over 12 seasons, including eight with the Reds, highlighted by three NL All-Star selections.

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mound in the ninth.

"I threw way more pitches than I wanted to on an off day," Kimbrel joked.

Wander Franco led off with a fly ball to the warning track, and Kimbrel issued two-out walks to Kyle Tucker and Seattle star Julio Rodríguez.

The 22-year-old Rodríguez was in position to close it out in front of his home crowd.

"I was definitely trying to win it. But it was a situation where I had to pass the baton," he said.

Kimbrel recovered to strike out José Ramírez to end it. Kimbrel also pitched in the previous NL win, recording two outs in 2012.

"The ninth inning in the dugout was just a lot of fun to experience," said San Diego's Josh Hader, who pitched the eighth for the NL.

Yandy Díaz hit a solo homer in the second and Bo Bichette's sacrifice fly in the sixth gave the AL a 2-1 lead.

J.D. Martinez doubled and scored on Luis Arraez's single in the fourth against Seattle's George Kirby, tying it at 1. Lourdes Gurriel Jr. appeared to tie the game again in the seventh when his shot down the left-field line was originally ruled a homer but was overturned as a foul ball on replay.

The All-Star Game returned to Seattle for the first time since 2001 when the Mariners were in the middle of their magical 116-win regular season, Cal Ripken Jr. said goodbye to the All-Star stage and Tommy Lasorda took a tumble.

Gerrit Cole became the first New York Yankees pitcher to start the All-Star Game since Roger Clemens in that 2001 game. He needed a pair of spectacular leaping catches from Adolis García and Randy Arozarena near the wall to escape the first inning unscathed.

Pitching was the story of the night. Only nine balls were hit over 100 mph. There were 20 combined strikeouts, including Camilo Doval silencing the home crowd with a strikeout of Rodríguez in the seventh inning when four of the five pitches topped 100 mph.

"You can tell, our guys, we wanted to win. They wanted to win," AL manager Dusty Baker said. "There was a lot of pride out there and a lot of competitiveness out there. You could tell by the energy on both sides and the energy in the ballpark."

OHTANI CHANT

The All-Star Game was missing some big names with Mike Trout and Aaron Judge out with injuries, but it still had Shohei Ohtani.

The Angels star drew the biggest cheers outside of Seattle's three representatives during introductions, and he was serenaded with chants of "Come to Seattle" when he was at the plate. The crowd apparently was well aware of his pending free agency this offseason.

INJURIES

Toronto reliever Jordan Romano left in the seventh after throwing the pitch that Gurriel hit foul and was originally ruled fair. He threw five pitches before leaving the game with tightness in his back.

Chicago White Sox slugger Luis Robert Jr. did not play after feeling tightness in his right calf during the Home Run Derby. The White Sox said Robert underwent an MRI in Seattle and is listed as day to day.

SIX PACK

The Rangers made All-Star history when Nathan Eovaldi took the mound in the second. That marked the third time in an All-Star Game when there were six players from the same team on the field at the same time. It also occurred with the 1939 Yankees and 1951 Dodgers.

The Baseball Hall of Fame said a ball signed by all six players in the game would be headed to Cooperstown.

"That's got to be one of the cooler moments in sports when you've got half the team on the field is your team, especially under these circumstances," catcher Jonah Heim said. "It's really special and I was glad I got to share it with these guys today."

SKIPPED OVER

The Tampa Bay duo of Shane McClanahan and Wander Franco were inadvertently skipped over during pregame introductions. The pair jogged in on their own and left it to the Rays' social media staff to give them a proper announcement.

MARINERS HONORED

Six of the eight members of Seattle's All-Star contingent from the 2001 game were recognized pregame. John Olerud, Bret Boone, Freddy Garcia, Jeff Nelson, Kazuhiro Sasaki, Edgar Martinez and manager Lou Piniella were honored. Ichiro Suzuki and Mike Cameron were also on the All-Star team that season.

Baseball Hall of Famers Martinez and Ken Griffey Jr. threw out the ceremonial first pitches to former teammates Dan Wilson and Jay Buhner.

UP NEXT

The post-All-Star break portion of the schedule starts Friday with every team in the league scheduled to be in action. San Diego at Philadelphia is the first game scheduled for Friday. The second half begins with Atlanta having the best record in baseball at 60-29 and an 8½-game lead in the NL East. Tampa Bay has the best record in the American League at 58-35, two games better than Baltimore.

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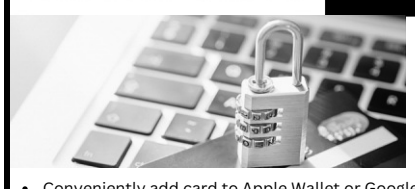

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BY THE COURIER STAFF

Carroll County Middle School has announced coaching openings for basketball, softball and volleyball

Carroll County Middle School has openings for head coach and assistant coach in its girls' basketball program, head coach in softball, and a volleyball assistant coach.

Interested individuals for any of the coaching vacancies can apply online at join.ccpanthers.com.

The 2023 Hanover College Summer Cross Country Racing Series will continue the last two Wednesdays in July

The event is a series of summer cross country races designed to test fitness and sharpen summer training. A 3K race was eld held on Wednesday with a 4K July 19 and a 5K on July 26.

Hanover College's nationally renowned Cross Country Course, the site of the 2013 NCAA Division III National Championships, will host the races. The course has also hosted the 2003 and 2008 NCAA Division III national championships as well as a number of conference and regional championships.

Cost is $5 dollars per race. Registration will begin at 6:15 p.m. the night of each race. Contact Coach Brady Wells at wellsb@hanover.edu for more information.

The 2023 Twisted Torque Car Show is slated to be held on Main Street in Carrollton from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday

Admission to the Twisted Torque Car Show will be free for spectators and will include car supply vendors and music. There will be classes for Best in Show, Bikes, Classic (1999 or Prior), Import and Modern (2000+).

The entry fee for those competing in the Twisted Torque Car Show is $20. Registration for the Twisted Torque Car Show is available online at http://www.visitcarrolltonky.com.

The Carroll County Elementary cheer tryout date has been changed to Sunday, July 23

The tryout will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Carroll County High School.

Each student must have a current sports physical to participate in the tryout.

Practices for the elementary cheer team will be held Sunday evenings August through December.

The date for the tryout was changed in order to hold fundraisers for competition fees and place uniform orders by August.

The fee for uniforms, body wear and shoes is $150 per cheerleader and is due on Sunday, Aug. 13.

Varsity coaches will oversee the elementary cheer squad. In addition, high school cheerleaders will volunteer to help coach the elementary team.

Carroll County Parks & Recreation Soccer is open to five age groups

The age groups for the youth soccer league are as follows: U6 (players ages 4-5), U8 (players ages 6-7), U10 (players ages 8-9), U12 (players ages 11-12), U14 (players ages 12-13).

Registration for the soccer league is available online at www.carrollcountyparksandrecreation.org.

The youth soccer league opened its registration for the upcoming season in June.

Registration for the youth soccer league will close on Monday, Aug. 21.

No late registration for the youth soccer league will be accepted.

The youth soccer league will open its season in mid-September.

For more information about the soccer league, contact any of the following: JP Dale 502-525-4139 or email jpdale@carrollcountygov.us, Brandy Wainscott 502-525-5065 or ccprky@gmail.com, Hannah McCarty 502-525-8296 or ccprky@gmail.com).

Olympic champion Gabby Douglas aiming for the 2024 Paris Games

BY WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gabby Douglas, the first Black woman to win the Olympic all-around gymnastics title, is taking aim at the 2024 Games in Paris.

Douglas announced on her Instagram page Thursday that she is making a comeback attempt, a dozen years after her triumph in London in 2012 and eight years after her last competition, the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. "I wanted to find the joy again for the sport that I absolutely love doing," Douglas posted. "I know I have a huge task ahead of me and I am beyond grateful and excited to get back out on the floor."

The now 27-year-old Douglas also posted video of herself practicing uneven bars, her signature event. Douglas is the second Olympic champion in recent weeks to say they are pointing toward Paris.

Simone Biles, who won the all-around gold in Rio and was teammates with Douglas on the five-woman U.S. squad that cruised to the team gold in Brazil, is returning to competition at the U.S. Classic in Chicago in early August.

Douglas has yet to outline a timeline for when she might be ready to join what will be a very crowded field to make what could be a loaded American team under the rings next summer. Douglas could petition USA Gymnastics for a spot at the U.S. Classic. She had not done that as of Thursday afternoon but still has ample time to do so. There is no petition deadline for the event, set for Saturday, Aug. 5 at NOW Arena in the Chicago suburbs.

Douglas became one of the faces of the 2012 Olympics after her brilliant performance in the all-around final helped her become the third straight American woman to claim the biggest title in her sport. She became a crossover star in the aftermath, winning AP Female Athlete of the Year in 2012, writing her autobiography and having her life story turned into a TV movie. She took a couple of years off after London but returned to competition in 2015, eventually finishing second to Biles in the all-around at the 2015 world championships and making a second Olympic team, helping the U.S. claim gold for a second straight Games.

Douglas never formally announced her retirement after Rio de Janeiro, instead dabbling in reality TV and becoming a motivational speaker, among other things.

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SATURDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	Chefs	Song	Baking It (N)		Got Talent "Auditions 2"				WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	Sheldon	Sheldon	NCIS: Hawai'i		48 Hours		48 Hours		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News (N)		NBCN..	Let'sT..	Baking It (N)		Got Talent "Auditions 2"				News
8 WISH	12		News	FamFe..	The Rookie		1982 (N)		Whose..	Whose..	News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	WiseM..	Cash	WNBA	2023 WNBA All-Star Game				WNB..	News
11 WHAS	11	4	World..	News	Ent. Tonight (N)		WNBA	2023 WNBA All-Star Game				WNB..	News
15 WKPC	13		Lawrence Welk		TimFa..	RedGr..	Kentuc..	Ky.Afi..	★★★ Pride ('07) Terrence Howard.				Austin
19 WXIX	10		Wheel	Jeopar..	Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at New York Mets						FOX19		Special
32 WLKY	5	5	WLK..	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	NCIS: Hawai'i		48 Hours		48 Hours		News
34 WBKI	7	7	JudgeJ..	JudgeJ..	TwoM..	TwoM..	1982 (N)		Whose..	Whose..	Friends	Friends	Top 10
41 WDRB	8	9	9-1-1 "Trapped"		Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at New York Mets						WDRB News		Special
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First48
AMC	29	26	(5:00) Hunger Games: Catching ...				Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1					Hunger Gam...	
COM	45	59	Movie	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Movie
DISC	31	38	Naked (N)		Naked (N)		Naked "More Hides Than Friends"				Naked and Afraid		
DISN	25	29	Kiff	Kiff	Marvel..	Marvel..	Proud Family Movie			Hailey	Hailey	Ladyb..	Ghost
ESPN	32	44	(5:00) Basketball		UFC Prelims (N) (Live)						Fight Night (N) (Live)		
FREE	18	40	(5:40) ★★★ The Twilight Saga: Eclipse ('10)					(:40) Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1					Movie
FX	40	28	(5:00) Mission: Impossible Rogue ...				★★★★ Mission: Impossible -- Fallout ('18)						Movie
HBO	201	17	(4:40) Avatar: Way of Water				★★★★★ Pulp Fiction ('94) John Travolta.					Gemst..	Movie
MAX	270	73	(:20) ★★★ Greta ('18)				Hot Tub Time Machine		(:40) ★★ The Wash ('01)				Movie
NEWSNTN	20	20	Blue Bloods		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		NewsN..
PARMT	35	41	(4:00) Forrest Gump			(:25) ★★★★★ Titanic ('97) Kate Winslet, Leonardo DiCaprio.							
SHOW	221	16	Billions		Billions		Billions		AllAcc..	AllAcc..	Boxing		
TMC	233	74	(:05) ★★★ Falling ('20)				★★ Bone Daddy ('98)			Student Body ('22)			Movie
TNT	27	43	(5:30) ★★★★ Training Day ('01)				All Elite Wrestling: Collision (N)				Battle, Belts (N)		Movie
USA	26	33	Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chi.Fire

SUNDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	Ninja Warrior		Ninja Warrior		Got Talent "Auditions 5"				WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	60 Minutes (N)		Tough (N)		The Equalizer		NCIS: LA		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	Ninja Warrior		Ninja Warrior		Got Talent "Auditions 5"				News
8 WISH	12		News	FamFe..	The Rookie		The Chosen (N) (P)			Animals	News	Sports..	News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	Fun Videos		The Prank (N)		Celebrity (N)		Pyramid (N)		News
11 WHAS	11	4	World..	News	Fun Videos		The Prank (N)		Celebrity (N)		Pyramid (N)		News
15 WKPC	13		Last/..	KeepUp	Boleyn "Arrests"		Ridley (N)		Grantchest (N)		D.I. Ray (N)		Prof T
19 WXIX	10		(4:00) NHRA		Match Day (N)		Gold Cup Final: Teams TBA (N)				FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	CBSN..	WLK..	60 Minutes (N)		Tough (N)		The Equalizer		NCIS: LA		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Sheldon	Sheldon	BigBa..	BigBa..	The Chosen (N) (P)			Animals	Good Dr		black-i..
41 WDRB	8	9	(4:00) NHRA		Match Day (N)		Gold Cup Final: Teams TBA (N)				WDRB News		Worry
A&E	28	36	(4:30) Indepen...		WWE Rivals		WWE Rivals		Kids in a Cage (N)				WWE..
AMC	29	26	★★★★ Jurassic Park ('93) Laura Dern, Sam Neill.						Walking (N)		(:15) Walking		Movie
COM	45	59	(4:30) This Is 40		Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
DISC	31	38	Naked and Afraid (N)				Naked and Afraid "Down to the Fire" (N)						Afraid
DISN	25	29	(5:50) Beauty & the Beast		★★★★ Wreck-It Ralph				Hailey		(:45) The Villains		Disney..
ESPN	32	44	Countdown (N)		Baseball Houston Astros at Los Angeles Angels (N)						SportCtr (N)		SportC..
FREE	18	40	Movie	(:45) The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2						(:25) ★★★ Mulan ('20) Crystal Liu.			
FX	40	28	(5:00) Mission: Impossible -- Fallo...		★★★ The Fate of the Furious ('17) Vin Diesel.								Movie
HBO	201	17	Movie	(:45) ★★★★ Live Free or Die Hard ('07)					Last Call (N)		Gemst..	Gemst..	LastCall
MAX	270	73	★★★ Anna ('19) Sasha Luss.				★★ 12 Rounds ('09)			(:50) ★★★★ Predator ('87)			
NEWSNTN	20	20	LastM..	LastM..	NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		NewsN..
PARMT	35	41	(5:50) B..	(:50) 1883: A Yellowstone			1883 (N)			(:15) 1883: A Yellowstone		Bar Rescue	
SHOW	221	16	The Chi		The Chi		The Chi		The Chi		Goliath (N) (P)		Movie
TMC	233	74	(:15) ★★★★ My Left Foot ('89)				★★★★ Gangs of New York ('02)					Blown Away	
TNT	27	43	★★★ Aquaman ('18) Amber Heard, Jason Momoa.						Lazarus Pr (N)		Lazarus Pr		Movie
USA	26	33	NASC..	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU	

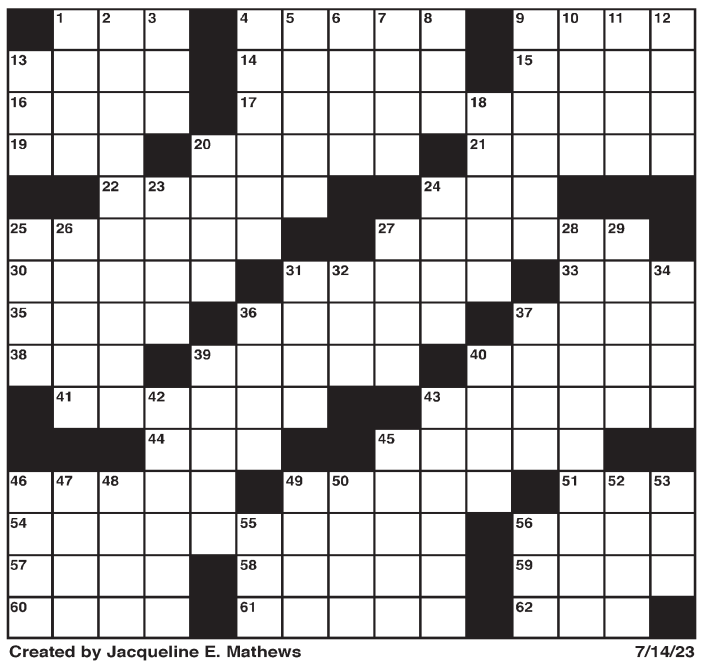
MONDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	WAV..	News	Ninja Warrior		The Wall		Weak Link (N)		WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Neighb..	BobHe..	NCIS		NCIS: Hawai'i		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Ninja Warrior		The Wall		Weak Link (N)		News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	The Rising (SF)		Nancy Drew		News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	The (N)	Claim to (N)		The Bachelorette (N)				News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Claim to (N)		The Bachelorette (N)				News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Kentucky (N)		Recipe (N)		POV (N)		
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Stars-Mars (N)		Kitchen (N)		FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	Neighb..	BobHe..	NCIS		NCIS: Hawai'i		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	The Rising (SF)		Nancy Drew		BigBa..	Sheldon	black-i..
41 WDRB	8	9	WDR..	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Stars-Mars (N)		Kitchen (N)		WDRB News		WDR..
A&E	28	36	Playboy		Playboy		Playboy		Playboy (N)		Miss Am. (N)		Playboy
AMC	29	26	(5:30) Mummy: Tomb of the Dra...				★★★ The Mummy ('99) Brendan Fraser.					Mummy Ret...	
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
DISC	31	38	Outlaws		Street (N)		Outlaws "Let's Get Boosted" (N)				Street (N)		Street
DISN	25	29	Hamst..	Hamst..	Kiff	Kiff	★★★★ Inside Out ('15)			Hailey	Hailey	Hailey	Villains
ESPN	32	44	SportCtr (N)		ESPN Films				Basketball Teams TBA (N) (Live)				SportC..
FREE	18	40	(5:00) ★★★★ Pitch Perfect		★★★ Pitch Perfect 2 ('15) Anna Kendrick.						Cruel (N)		700Club
FX	40	28	(4:30) Iron Ma...		★★★★ Iron Man 3 ('13) Robert Downey Jr..						Dogs	Dogs	Movie
HBO	201	17	(:20) ★★★ Office Space ('99)				Second Best Exotic Marigold H...				Gemst..	(:40) Last Call	
MAX	270	73	(5:50) ★★★ Dolores Claiborne ('95)				★★★ Balls of Fury ('07)			★★★ Head of State ('03)			Movie
NEWSNTN	20	20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	★★★★★ The Dark Knight ('08) Heath Ledger, Christian Bale.						
SHOW	221	16	Movie	(:45) Goliath		(:45) Emily ('22) Emma Mackey.					Why Women		Movie
TMC	233	74	(:15) ★★★ Men ('22) Jessie Buckley.				★★★★ The Talented Mr. Ripley				(:20) Wrong Turn ('21)		
TNT	27	43	(5:00) ★★★ Aquaman ('18)				★★★ Central Intelligence ('16)				Rich		Movie
USA	26	33	Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live)						Tempt..

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS
1 Funny fellow
4 __ over; read carefully
9 Con man's racket
13 "__ with the Wind"
14 Prize
15 Hollow cylinder
16 __ Scotia
17 Hard to believe
19 Patriotic shout
20 Turns loose
21 Beginning
22 Angered
24 Taipan fry pan
25 Spoke up
27 European capital city
30 Up in arms
31 Day, for one
33 Ford's party, for short
35 Timber wolf
36 End-of-term test
37 Beast
38 Mr. Brynner
39 Shut-eye
40 For the __; inane
41 Tyrant
43 Truthful
44 Back talk
45 Grades
46 Room at the top
49 Misshapen folklore man
51 Moral wrong
54 Marrying man
56 Blaze
57 Gofer
58 Walkway
59 Cowboy's shoe
60 On your __; alert
61 Make a smudge
62 Lodge

DOWN
1 Courts
2 Not changing
3 British custom
4 __ up; matched socks
5 __ up; confessed
6 TV's "The Amazing __"
7 Blunders
8 Presidential monogram
9 Smells awful
10 National League team
11 Suffix for honor or reason
12 Track-and-field event
13 African antelope
18 Portals
20 Run away
23 Come __ money; inherit wealth
24 Cry loudly
25 Like unwashed hair
26 __ as a peacock
27 Envelop
28 Hostility
29 Lyrics
31 Count calories
32 Six sixths
34 Annoying person
36 Failure
37 Sow's squeal
39 Ginger or nutmeg
40 Use a drill
42 Water park features
43 Nail pounder
45 Money, slangily
46 Blind as __
47 The Bee Gees, e.g.
48 Ocean's rise & fall
49 Unsmiling
50 Facial center
52 Small appliance
53 Fisherman's item
55 Krypton or radon
56 J. Edgar Hoover's org.



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Today's Puzzle Solved

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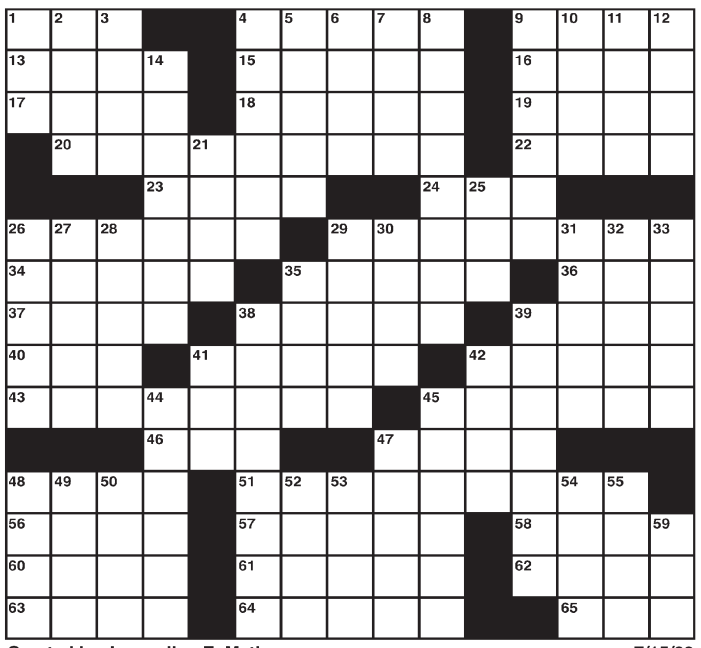
ACROSS
1 Cloth scrap
4 Surfer's need
9 Donahue or Collins
13 Still in the sack
15 Just right
16 Clinton's AG Janet
17 Melody
18 __ Haute, IN
19 Devours
20 Capable of learning
22 Story line
23 Labor
24 Sweet __; climbing plant
26 Oliver Twist or Annie
29 Cow farm operator
34 Constructed
35 Cunning canines
36 Ram's mate
37 Friendly nation
38 "Terrific!"
39 Defect
40 Blanc or Brooks
41 Felt crummy
42 British chap
43 Meeting; gathering
45 At an earlier date
46 Actor Kilmer
47 On __ with; equivalent to
48 Facial problem
51 Putting into quarantine
56 Forest animal
57 Lowest point
58 __ up; absorb
60 Passion
61 Orchard
62 Yarn
63 Notice
64 Fathers children
65 Chicken's ma

DOWN
1 __-a-tat-tat
2 Share a border with
3 Actress Tierney
4 __ reason; not too expensive
5 TV's "Let's Make __"
6 Part of speech
7 Pres. Carter's middle name
8 More tired
9 Send in money in advance
10 Cure
11 "What's gotten __ you?"
12 Bewildered
14 Ghostly & pallid, as a face
21 Layer of paint
25 Hesitant syllables
26 McCain's 2008 opponent
27 Dos and don'ts
28 Tablets
29 Stupid
30 Fired, as an employee
31 Large fruit
32 Conscious
33 More modern
35 Stuffed
38 Family members
39 Bouquet arranger
41 Physicians' org.
42 Skiff or canoe
44 The __ Brothers; late rock duo
45 Two-ball bowling coups
47 Still breathing
48 Shaping tool
49 So-so marks
50 Tide type
52 Indira's dress
53 Smell
54 Early boatbuilder
55 Violent wind
59 Man's nickname



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Today's Puzzle Solved

Workers unite – except when they exclude

AMY **DICKINSON** ASK AMY

Dear Amy: I work with wonderful people. There are a dozen of us on the team. We work well together and genuinely enjoy one another's company and friendship.

When someone has a baby, we throw a shower. For a milestone anniversary with the company, we celebrate that.

When someone is ill, we provide support. When someone leaves the company, we bid a fond farewell.

Birthdays often involve surprise treats. We get together for lunch. We go to movies. We laugh a lot. It's all great, and I've always happily participated in and contributed to these things.

Alas, I've never been on the receiving end of any of it. My milestone anniversary with the company passed without note, as did a milestone birthday. When I had major surgery … nothing.

Today I received an invitation to contribute to a group housewarming gift for one of my colleagues. Normally, I would be all in. The thing is, I moved to a new house five months ago. All of my coworkers know this. And yet they didn't band together for a gift.

I am confident that I'm well-liked and respected, but I can't figure out why I'm not on the collective radar. I find myself really annoyed by this.

Should I just let it go, or can you offer any advice on how to let them know that this is kind of hurtful and insensitive (without actually saying that, of course!)?

I'm planning to retire from this company within the next few years, and I'm already expecting (and pre-disappointed) that it will be a non-event.

— Hey, I'm Sitting Right Here!

Dear Right Here!: Company doings are often initiated by one or two people who get the collective co-worker social ball rolling.

I'm taking your word for how wonderful these co-workers are, but the fact that your own momentous events have been ignored — when so many others are recognized — is unconscionable.

I suggest that you swallow the momentary embarrassment, adopt a baffled attitude, raise your hand, and let the others in this group know: "I'm always happy to celebrate and contribute to these things, but hellooooo, do you realize that all of my moments are skipped over? Who do I have to know to get on this generous list?"

Writers' group transitions to TED Talk

AMY **DICKINSON** ASK AMY

Dear Amy: I attend a wonderful writers' group with six people at our library.

Our problem is that one individual there is hijacking the meetings by interrupting and talking so much that she dominates the entire time we have together.

None of us get a chance to ask for feedback on our writing or to ask questions or contribute to the session.

I did take her aside a few years ago and as gently as possible asked if she could kindly allow all of us to participate, and hold off taking so much as we all had valuable words to share.

Her behavior never changed, and one by one members (including me) stopped going.

Can you dig up some thoughts as to how to fix this situation?

She seems to have some sort of a problem sharing air space.

I'm ready to shout: "Will you please just shut up?!"

— Writer in CNY

Dear Writer: From your narrative, it sounds as if this writers' group has more or less disintegrated, due to this overwhelming member's dominance.

Writers' groups are not like book groups, where participants engage in freewheeling discussions on a particular work.

Writers' groups exist as a helpful platform for writers to read from their own work and receive constructive feedback from the other members.

For a group of six people, each person would bring something of their own to share at each session, taking turns reading and receiving feedback.

My point is that it's not a writers' group if only one person is sharing and talking – that's a TED Talk.

My suggestion is the most obvious one: Start your own guerilla group. Cap the membership at six people who agree to the guidelines, meet at someone's home, and run the meeting yourself.

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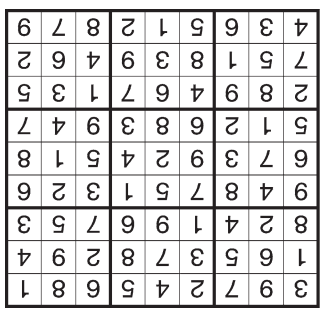

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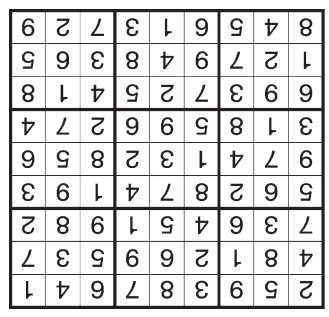

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It may be time to wean yourself away from people who could be taking advantage of your love or your wallet. People who love you as you are and not what you can offer are worth their weight in gold. Give them the time they deserve.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You could have opportunities and new possibilities coming in all around you. Keep your eyes open and be ready to take the leap when the right chance arrives. Let other people know that you are interested in more.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Opposites can often attract but allow things to happen naturally instead of trying to force it. A false front could attract someone in the short term but letting someone see the real you can create lasting connections.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Distractions may feel endless right now. Quite a few issues could be piling up and require your attention at the moment. You might need to give others the benefit of the doubt that they are doing their best with what they have.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may need to take a moment and put things in perspective to recognize other people's points of view. Their experiences could mean a lot to them and should be respected as much as your own.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Try to find time for social outings or getaways from your routine for a little while after you have completed the tasks at hand. After regular work and housekeeping is completed, you may be able to indulge yourself at last.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — If someone has not lived up to expectations, extend them the same grace you would want extended to you. Help pick up the slack if you can. Like attracts like so you may find that your friendliness can attract new friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Changes in a work situation can open more doors and bring more opportunities. Before making requests for substantial changes, make sure things are secure. Keep those in charge happy and you may have more rewards or praise incoming.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Focus on doing the parts of your job that you love even if it is the trivial things. If problems arise, trust in the supportive people around you. Figure out your next steps and you can be prepared for any issue that can come up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may need to come to the realization that the world will keep spinning even if you are not in control. Use this understanding to find comfort in taking control of your small corner of it, even if others are not taking it as seriously.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Impulse shopping and retail therapy may be a welcome distraction until the bills come in. Try not to let yourself get buried in debt for things that may live forever on your shelf. Figure out a budget and plan for indulgences.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may be placing undue guilt on yourself for a slight the other person has no idea about but stay clean anyway. Reflect on your mistakes, make appropriate amends, learn the lessons and move on.

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your finances may finally be in balance, and you may have been able to put some money away for a rainy day. Do not take stock in advice from people whose accounts are usually in flux. Plan for the future you envision.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may be more comfortable with the big picture and describing the end result without explaining all the details. Before it can be made, you will need to plan every step and task needed to bring your dreams to life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Time may be the one resource you are running low on and the one that everyone needs from you right now. There might never be enough tomorrows, but you can make the most of the ones you do have. Embrace Each moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The world may feel like a big budget film where good and evil are always at odds, and good will always win. Sometimes in reality the bad guys can take the lead, but if you remain the good guy, you ultimately win the day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If a choice comes down to love or money, it could be easier to go for the cash and assume love will come around again later. While the grind can pay the bills, love may bring you more emotional security. Think things through.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may feel it does not matter what you already know because there could be experts to call and instructions to follow. Play the game whenever necessary. You can locate your own experts and get your own quotes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — If you are waiting for someone to do the right thing, give the benefit of the doubt and do your best to not be patronizing. Your well-honed social skills could be a wonderful asset when navigating tricky negotiations or issues.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You might think you need to be everything for everyone, but it is an impossible demand. Seek out people who will support you with unconditional love and appreciate your finer points when you remain true to yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Sometimes the river you cross will be cool and shallow. Sometimes you will be faced with raging torrents. Plant your feet against the current, set your eyes on the far bank to reach that distant shore.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may have shelves full of brochures and guidebooks gathering dust. Your excitement can get buried in the tedium of everyday affairs. Consider planning your destination and seeing what you have been missing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Trusting in a GPS does not always result in the quickest or most direct route. If you're on the wrong path, take the time to look around and get your bearings. Find your own way through the world.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Discretion can be a powerful ally when faced with frustration or anxiety. Keep playing the game with a smile and try to keep the frustration inside. You cannot afford to release all your emotions at once — take a breath.

Calipari fills Kentucky roster after working OT for recruits, transfers

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — The angst among Kentucky's fervent fan base was palpable as the Wildcats listed just seven scholarship players and coach John Calipari worked to fill out a roster that lost 2022 consensus national player of the year Oscar Tshiebwe among eight departures.

A month's work on the recruiting trail and the transfer portal has yielded a full squad, albeit later than expected. The Hall of Fame coach will have one of his youngest teams in recent memory as a result, but manpower isn't a concern — even with 7-foot centerpiece Aaron Bradshaw sidelined for now.

As has been the case throughout Calipari's 15-season tenure, Kentucky's challenge will be enduring the growing pains of blending another top-ranked recruiting class with holdovers. That process starts this week, in fact.

"We've got a lot of playmakers on the team that look for each other," said fifth-year guard Antonio Reeves, Kentucky's top scorer among the seven returnees at 14.4 points per game. "I think that's the one key difference from last year."

Though roster turnover is an annual ritual for Calipari, this year's makeover stands out for the number of arrivals and departures and accompanying hype.

Two-time All-American Tshiebwe (16.5 points, 13.7 rebounds) is now with the Indiana Pacers, one of four starters who left this spring, though guard Cason Wallace and forward Chris Livingston were the ones taken in last month's NBA draft. Four others transferred from last year's 22-12 squad including floor general Sahvir Wheeler, who's now at Washington.

Calipari already had the nation's top freshman class on board, with Bradshaw (12.1 points, 9.4 rebounds) projected to provide the inside presence that was lacking even with Tshiebwe excelling on both ends of the floor. He is out after undergoing foot surgery last month, an absence that initially could place more responsibility on heralded freshman such as 6-foot-8 Justin Edwards, Rob Dillingham (6-2) and fellow guard D.J. Wagner (6-3), the grandson of former Louisville great Milt Wagner. Kentucky also added 6-9 Jordan Burks and 6-5 Joey Hart more recently. "It's unfortunate for him, but we've had guys that couldn't be there in the summer and came back and played great," Calipari recently said of Bradshaw without offering a timetable for his return.

Uncertainty over whether Reeves would return to school created additional concern about experience and leadership. Reeves' return quelled that anxiety and Calipari landed a key pickup from the portal in 6-9 former West Virginia forward Tre Mitchell, a graduate who transferred from Morgantown after coach Bob Huggins' resignation following a drunken-driving arrest last month.

Huggins now insists he didn't resign, but Mitchell is in Lexington and eager to begin playing for the coach who recruited him in high school and through several stops in the portal.

"Coach Cal obviously has a track record that speaks for itself," said Mitchell, who averaged 11.7 points and 5.5 rebounds last season for the Mountaineers. "When I entered the portal and he reached out, it's an opportunity that it's kind of hard to pass up."

At the very least, Reeves and Mitchell provide needed veteran guidance as the underclassmen adjust to college basketball. They'll have some help from 6-11 sophomore Ugonna Onyenso and 6-6 guard Adou Thiero, who has added noticeable muscle.

The mix of young and old(er) is what Calipari desires, and he's not surprised that assembly took longer. "We were always in a strong position," the coach said. "I was never panicked about anything. The best teams I've coached had really good young players and some veterans. ... We waited for Jamal (Murray), we waited for different guys and got them later. And it's all played out."

Kentucky gets a first chance to see how things come together without Bradshaw at a tournament this week in Toronto. The Wildcats will open Wednesday against Germany in the four-team event that includes Canada and Team Africa.

As much as players aim to win, the objective is building the chemistry they hope will pay off next March.

"It's going to be good for us," Wagner said. "Being out there on the court for the first time and learning off each other like we have been in practice against pretty good competition, it's going to be fun."

UK

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Wagner led the way for Kentucky's top-ranked freshman class, as the five-star guard scored 16 points and dished six assists.

"It felt pretty good just to be able to get out there with my guys, with my teammates for the first time actually playing in a real game," Wagner said.

"For the past couple of weeks, we've been playing against each other, competing against each other, so it finally felt good to get out there together. To be able to play against somebody with different jerseys."

Kentucky's win over a Germany team that featured six players 6-foot-7 or taller came without 7-foot freshman Aaron Bradshaw, who did not make the trip to Toronto while recovering from a foot injury, or 6-foot-11 sophomore Ugonna Onyenso, who suffered an ankle injury in a friendly Tuesday with Team Africa and likely will not play during GLOBL JAM.

Despite the major height advantage for Germany, Kentucky was only outrebounded by four and saw freshman Justin Edwards pull down nine boards from his small forward position.

Paying under FIBA rules, GLOBL JAM games feature four, 10-minute quarters, rather than two, 20-minute halves, which is typical for college basketball.

Wednesday's game saw Kentucky open on an 8-2 run, which included a three-point play from Thiero and a give-and-go with Mitchell dishing a perfectly placed bounce pass to Wagner for an early layup.

Germany opened the second quarter with back-to-back threes from Jonas Mattisseck and Malte Delow to take a 23-17 lead, but Kentucky would rally to take the lead 35-28 with 2:15 left in the quarter, highlighted by a Reed Sheppard steal and pass to Wagner for a dunk and eight points from Reeves.

UK led 39-36 at the half.

The third quarter saw the Cats outscore Germany 25-16 to take a 12-point lead, with a crafty Wagner finish at the rim and a monster dunk from freshman Jordan Burks highlighting the big quarter for Kentucky. Kentucky grew its lead to as many as 16 in the fourth quarter, but with just under a minute to play, Germany pulled within six after Simas Lukosius drilled a three.

A pair of free throws from Reeves helped the Cats seal the victory.

Germany, which dropped to 0-1 and will face Team Africa on Thursday, was led in scoring by Delow, who dropped 21 points.

Kentucky (1-0) was to face Team Canada on Thursday night and Basketball Africa League at 1:30 pm. on Saturday before the bronze and gold medal games on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., respectably, with broadcasts on CBS Sports.

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Aliyah Boston hit a buzzer-beating 3-pointer at the end of regulation for Indiana, which had a chance to win its last two home games on last-second 3-point attempts. It was the rookie's second 3 of the season.

That tied the game at 80 but the veteran Liberty pulled away in overtime as Ionescu hit two of her seven 3-pointers and the young Fever missed its last four shots.

Breanna Stewart had 18 points and 10 rebounds for the Liberty (14-4), who play at Western Conference winner and defending champion Las Vegas for the Commissioner's Cup on Aug. 15. Courtney Vandersloot had 12 assists, the last going to Betnijah Laney for a 3-pointer that broke an 85-85 tie with 1:52 left in overtime.

Vandersloot's layup with 7:27 left in regulation had the Liberty up 74-56 but their next field goal was Ionescu's 3 to open overtime. The Fever reeled off 16-straight points and Erica Wheeler had a three-point play with 12.9 seconds to go and Boston's 3 completed the comeback.

Boston had 23 points for the Fever (5-15), who have lost eight-straight. Emma Cannon had a career-high 19 on 7-of-9 shooting, Kelsey Mitchell added 16 and Grace Berger also had a career high with 15.

The Fever had a different starting lineup for the first time this season with leading rebounder NaLyssa Smith and Lexie Hull injured. Smith will miss two weeks with a stress fracture in her left foot and Lexie Hull has a broken nose. Both played Sunday.

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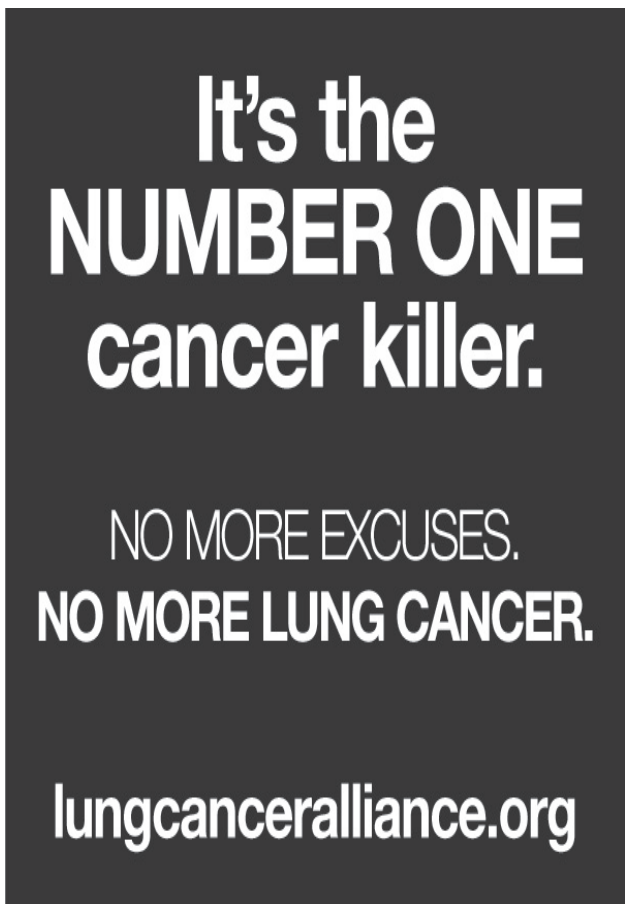

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Memphis Grizzlies forward Kenneth Lofton Jr. is among several undrafted players making an impact in the Las Vegas summer league.

The former Louisiana Tech standout who was not selected in 2022 is averaging 20.7 points and 6.7 rebounds in three games while shooting 58% from the field.

Lofton uses his 6-foot-6, 275-pound frame to seemingly score at will. He was the G-League Rookie of the Year for the Memphis Hustle last season and later got his two-way contract converted into a regular deal. He took advantage of a call-up to the Grizzlies and had 42 points and 14 rebounds against the Oklahoma City Thunder in the team's regular-season finale.

In Las Vegas, he scored 23 points against the Chicago Bulls in the Grizzlies' opener on July 8 and had 24 points and 10 rebounds against the Los Angeles Clippers on Wednesday.

Other undrafted players who have stood out:

• Golden State guard Lester Quinones, undrafted out of Memphis in 2022, is the No. 3 scorer in Las Vegas with 24 points per game.

• Chicago guard Javon Freeman-Liberty, undrafted out of DePaul in 2022, is averaging 21.3 points, 5.0 assists and 4.3 rebounds per game.

• Minnesota guard Brandon Williams, who played college ball at Arizona and went undrafted in 2021, is averaging 21.3 points and 4.7 assists per game while shooting 54% from the field. He played for the G-League's College Park Skyhawks last season.

• Portland guard Michael Devoe, undrafted out of Georgia Tech in 2022, scored 29 points to help the Trail Blazers defeat the San Antonio Spurs on Sunday. He is averaging 20.5 points and six assists per game while shooting 58% from the field.

Northwestern retains assistants after firing Fitzgerald for hazing allegations

EVANSTON, Ill. — Northwestern has decided to retain its assistant coaches and support staff for the 2023 season after it fired head coach Pat Fitzgerald amid a hazing scandal.

Athletic director Derrick Gragg informed the coaches and staff of the decision during a meeting on Tuesday. There was no announcement by the school when it comes to the leadership of the program after Fitzgerald's dismissal.

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The 48-year-old Fitzgerald was fired on Monday by Northwestern President Michael Schill, who wrote in an open letter to the university community that an investigation by an outside law firm detailed hazing that "was widespread and clearly not a secret within the program."

"The culture in Northwestern Football, while incredible in some ways, was broken in others," Schill wrote.

Fitzgerald was originally suspended for two weeks after the school said Friday that an investigation led by attorney Maggie Hickey of law firm ArentFox Schiff did not find "sufficient" evidence that the coaching staff knew about ongoing hazing — though there were "significant opportunities" to find out about it.

Fitzgerald pointed to Hickey's investigation as confirmation that he had no knowledge of any hazing within the program. He said in a statement that he had instructed his attorney to "take the necessary steps to protect my rights in accordance with the law."

Fitzgerald was an All-American linebacker on the 1995 Northwestern team that won the Big Ten and played in the Rose Bowl after years of losing.

He went 110-101 in 17 seasons as the head coach at his alma mater. He led the Wildcats to Big Ten West championships in 2018 and 2020, plus five bowl victories. But they went 4-20 over his last two seasons.

The turmoil within the football program comes after the school unveiled plans in September to build a new Ryan Field. The plans call for a state-of-the-art facility featuring a reduced seating capacity and greater emphasis on the fan experience.

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Busch Light signs multiyear deal to sponsor Chastain

BY DAVE SKRETTA
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Anheuser-Busch and Trackhouse Racing announced a multiyear agreement Tuesday that will make Busch Light, long one of the main sponsors for retiring NASCAR star Kevin Harvick, the primary sponsor for Ross Chastain in the Cup Series.

The deal, which begins in 2024, had been in the works for months, but an announcement was pushed back when Anheuser-Busch became embroiled in controversy for sending a commemorative Bud Light can to transgender influencer Dylan Mulvaney.

Many conservatives and critics of the LGBTQ+ community boycotted Bud Light, which has since been supplanted by Modelo as America's best-selling beer, while some of Mulvaney's fans claimed the brand did not do enough to support her.

Busch Light, which is one of NASCAR's four premier partners, was silent on social media from April 3 until June 22, three days before Chastain won the Cup Series race at Nashville Superspeedway. Trackhouse made it back-to-back wins the following week, when Shane van Gisbergen triumphed in his series debut on the street course in Chicago.

"Ross has already accomplished so much in his career and we're so proud an iconic brand like Busch Light sees his commitment not only to the sport but to his fans," Trackhouse founder Justin Marks said. "It's been Trackhouse's goal from Day 1 to build something special and different, something that resonates with the fans and partners in NASCAR. For Busch Light to recognize this and commit to the vision is both humbling and inspiring."

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Ross Chastain, driver of the No. 1 Worldwide Express Chevrolet, rounds the banking at Nashville Superspeedway during the NASCAR Cup Series Ally 400 on June 25 in Lebanon, Tenn. Chastain's Trackhouse Racing Team has signed a multiyear deal with sponsor Busch Light.

Busch Light has been a sponsor in NASCAR for 44 years, investing not only in race teams but also lending its name to the Busch Pole Award and the Busch Light Clash. The brand has sponsored the No. 4 car of Harvick since 2016.

"We've activated many different types of programs with our sponsorship through the years, and we're thrilled to team up with Trackhouse Racing and Ross Chastain," said Krystyn Stowe, the head of marketing for the Busch brand at Anheuser-Busch.

Chastain's aggressive style has made him popular among many fans — his video-game move last season was swiftly banned by NASCAR — and successful on the track, where he is already locked into the playoffs by virtue of his win at Nashville. But the way he wrecked Brennan Pool at Dover and squeezed Noah Gragson into a wall at Kansas — leading to a dustup on pit road — have made him plenty of enemies in the garage area.

After another wreck at Darlington that took Kyle Larson out of contention, Marks told SiriusXM's NASCAR Radio that he would take a more active role in ensuring that Chastain raced other drivers cleanly going forward.

"I love the kid and I love the opportunity he's giving every single person who works at Trackhouse to put a championship run together," Marks said, "but there's stuff that needs to be cleaned up and it's a process he's going to have to start going through."

Chastain, whose family farms watermelons in Florida, was involved in a wreck Sunday at Atlanta and finished 35th.

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William Byron, driver of the No. 24 Axalta Chevrolet, waits on the grid during a weather delay of the NASCAR Cup Series Quaker State 400 at Atlanta Motor Speedway on Sunday in Hampton, Ga. Byron currently leads the points race after posting his fourth win of the season.

Byron emerging as NASCAR's next star after moving into points lead with 4th win of 2023

BY CHARLES ODUM
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HAMPTON, Ga. — Kevin Harvick's farewell to Atlanta Motor Speedway provided an emotional example of NASCAR losing another of its biggest names.

The exodus of some of the sport's stars is a concern to Hendrick Motorsports vice chairman Jeff Gordon, who says he is worried about the growth of the sport. But Gordon says there is reason for hope. Sunday night's rain-shortened race won by William Byron served to shine a spotlight on the emerging star who drives for Hendrick.

The 25-year-old Byron leads the NASCAR Cup Series with four wins, and he moved to the top of the points standings by surviving a spin in the second stage that caused him to fall a lap behind.

At the start of the race, Harvick drove his No. 4 beside the 29 he drove to his first NASCAR win in Atlanta in 2001. The 29 was driven by grand marshal Richard Childress, who was the team owner for Harvick in 2001.

The 29 Chevrolet was built for Dale Earnhardt Sr. before Earnhardt died in a crash at the Daytona 500 weeks earlier. Following the 2001 win in Atlanta, Harvick held three fingers out of his window in tribute to Earnhardt's No. 3, providing a lasting memory for Earnhardt fans.

The retirement of Harvick, 47, after the season removes another popular driver from competition. The sport also has seen such other stars as Jimmie Johnson, Tony Stewart, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Carl Edwards and Gordon retire in recent years, creating a void.

Byron, who drives the 24 that Gordon made famous as a four-time Cup Series champion, appears capable of helping to fill the void. Following Sunday night's race, Gordon spoke of Byron with pride, as a team executive and a NASCAR fan.

"To me right now it's about building superstars and recognizable faces and names," Gordon said. "That's what is going to help grow the sport. We've lost a lot of them in a short period of time. It's about building them back up.

"I think William is on the cusp of doing that by going to victory lane and winning races and leading as many laps as he has. That just opens up more doors and opportunities to get him in front of more kind of mainstream media and get his face and name out there to help grow the sport."

It's notable that Byron has moved to the top of the points race while competing on a Hendrick roster that also includes Alex Bowman, Kyle Larson and Chase Elliott. Larson and Elliott won Cup Series championships in 2021 and 2020, respectively, and Elliott won last summer's race in Atlanta. Of the Hendrick drivers, only Byron and Larson are assured of playoff spots this year. Elliott and Bowman are still looking for their first 2023 wins.

Byron, who also won Atlanta's spring race in 2022, already has eight career wins but insists he's still learning.

"I just haven't raced a lot in my career, so getting a later start I think every race is a learning experience," Byron said, adding he is "still getting better. I thought tonight there were a lot of things I could have done better, pit road speed, decisions, there are still a lot of things you can improve. But we're on the right track."

The lessons learned on the track may come easier to Byron than adhering to Gordon's desire to see his young driver promote his team and sport.

"I'm pretty reserved, introverted," Byron said. "I'm just trying to become more comfortable."

Gordon said Byron "does an amazing job representing the 24 and Hendrick and the sport in general as a competitor as well as just as a fine young man.

"I tell him to keep doing what he's doing. But I've told our drivers in the past, I want them to reach just slightly outside their comfort zone when it comes to the media and opportunities just so they can open up more doors for their own brand. It helps us sell sponsors and it helps us grow the sport."

Johnson, Knaus nominated for NASCAR HoF

Seven-time Cup Series champion Jimmie Johnson and his former crew chief of the No. 48 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet Chad Knaus headline a list of 15 nominees for the NASCAR Hall of Fame Class of 2024.

There are 10 nominees on the modern era ballot and five on the pioneer ballot, which is designed to honor those whose careers began more than 60 years ago. Two modern era candidates and one pioneer candidate will be selected for the Hall of Fame when the 61-person committee meets on Aug. 2.

Together, Johnson and Knaus won Cup titles in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013 and 2016. Johnson's seven titles as a driver tie him with Dale Earnhardt and Richard Petty for the most in NASCAR history.

Joining Johnson and Knaus on the modern era ballot are former drivers Carl Edwards, Neil Bonnett, Jeff Burton, Ricky Rudd, Harry Gant, Tim Brewer, Harry Hyde and Larry Phillips.

Donnie Allison, an original member of the fan-favorite Alabama Gang, will be on the pioneer ballot for the first time, along with fellow drivers AJ Foyt and Sam Ard, car builder Banjo Matthews and car owner Ralph Moody.

Longtime NASCAR executive Les Richter joins the Landmark Award ballot for the first time after being on the Hall of Fame ballot three times before the award was created. The Landmark Award honors those who made significant contributions to the growth and esteem of NASCAR.

SRX all-star series to relaunch with 'Thursday Night Thunder' on ESPN

BY DAVE SKRETTA
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Tony Stewart was busy ripping around Indiana short tracks some three decades ago, and winning just about every midget and Silver Crown race on his way to IndyCar and NASCAR stardom, with no idea who was watching on television.

Turns out a lot of people. Dale Earnhardt was one of them.

You see, Don Hawk was the president of Dale Earnhardt Inc. back in those days, and he remembers wrapping up Thursdays at the track with the Hall of Fame driver and heading out for an early dinner. The reason was simple: They wanted to get back to a hotel in time to watch "Thursday Night Thunder," the pioneering program on ESPN that made Stewart and other drivers famous.

"'Thursday Night Thunder' is where I met Jeff Gordon and met Tony Stewart, and I met them through a TV screen," Hawk recalled this week. "The last winner of 'Thursday Night Thunder,' I believe in the year 2002 when they signed off the air, was Tony Stewart, and he will be the first one to race when they return to the air."

That happens this Thursday, when ESPN reintroduces the program with the return of SRX, a series that Stewart co-founded with Sandy Montag and George Pyne a few years ago to bring together top drivers from various series in spec race cars.

Hawk serves as the CEO after many years working for NASCAR and Speedway Motorsports Inc.

"The key for us moving to Thursday night was the power of ESPN's brand and everything that goes with that," said Montag, whose series the past two years aired on CBS and streaming on Paramount. "With Wimbledon now on ESPN and ABC, and the ESPYs coming up and baseball, it just made sense for us to shift away from Saturday night to Thursday night.

"'Thursday Night Thunder' may have been 30 years ago when it started," Montag said, "but I think the brand really resonated with Tony. We just thought it made a ton of sense and we're excited to get going."

Stewart retired from his full-time NASCAR career in 2016 but remains deeply involved in racing. He still drives from time to time and owns a part of Stewart-Haas Racing in the Cup Series, the All-Star Circuit of Champions sprint car series, sprint car and drag race teams, and several facilities, including the famed Eldora Speedway near Rossburg, Ohio.

Stewart won the initial SRX title two years ago — IndyCar driver Marco Andretti is the defending champion — and will be back as a full-time driver this year along NASCAR star Brad Keselowski, IndyCar driver Ryan Hunter-Reay and many others.

The series opens at Stafford Motor Speedway in Connecticut, where tickets sold out weeks ago for Thursday night's race. That kicks off six consecutive weeks of racing with stops at Thunder Road Speedbowl in Vermont, Motor Mile Speedway in Virginia, Berlin Raceway in Michigan, Eldora and Lucas Oil Speedway in Missouri.

"Racing with these unique drivers, that's the best part of it," Stewart said, "but the other thing I'm super excited about is being back on ESPN on Thursday nights. That's how I got recognized by car owners back in the day."

The shift from Saturday night also provided a chance to compete for several drivers who would have been unavailable.

"The amount of interest in drivers wanting to join the series was astronomical this year," said Stewart, adding that his wish list for the future includes two drivers that remain unavailable: Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr.

"That's two guys that are superstars and that's what this series is about: superstars," Stewart said. "Those are two guys that belong in this series and have earned their right to drive in this series."

Other drivers expected to compete this season include reigning Indy 500 winner Josef Newgarden, four-time Indy 500 champion Helio Castroneves, three-time Daytona 500 winner Denny Hamlin and two-time NASCAR Cup Series champ Kyle Busch.

"It's been an incredible journey for us. I think when you take a step back, you said three years ago you'd be going to sold-out race tracks, would you take that? You'd be very happy with that," Pyne said. "I think Stafford has been sold out for more than a month. The quality of the drivers is off the charts, but the racing has been fantastic — the lead changes, the finishes we've had.

"Like any new business we have challenges. When you start something from scratch you have to pivot. But on balance, I would say we're very pleased with the results in all the categories," Pyne added. "The whole thing just feels really good."